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[X104F-F] Edison, Mina Miller

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Title

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Description

These documents consist primarily of letters from Mina Miller Edison (1865-1947) to her husband Thomas Edison, her parents Lewis and Mary Valinda Miller, and her sister Grace Miller Hitchcock. The dated items cover the years 1886-1919. There is also an undated letter, probably written in 1920 or 1921, in which Mina urges her husband to "let the boys run the business" and "forget a little bit that you are Charles['s] manager and be a father." Several letters refer to Edison's health and work schedule, while a few mention social engagements attended by the Edisons including a banquet honoring Guglielmo Marconi. Other letters discuss events and activities involving members of the Edison household, including holidays and vacations, and convey news of the Edison children. There are numerous items relating to the civic, social, educational, and religious activities of members of the Miller family. Also included is a letter to Mary Valinda Miller, written in February 1886 while Mina and Thomas were honeymooning in Florida.

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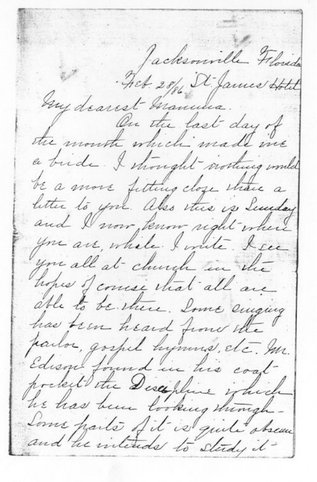

Jacksonville Florida
Feb. 28/86. St. James Hotel

My dearest Mamma.

On the last day of the month which made me a bride I thought nothing would be a more fitting close than a letter to you. Also this is Sunday and I now know right where you are, while I write. I see you all at church in the hopes of course that all are able to be there. Some singing has been heard from the parlor, gospel hymns, etc. Mr. Edison found in his coat-pocket the Discipline which he has been looking through. Some parts of it is quite obscure and he intends to study it-

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[X104FAA], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, February 28th, 1886

Title

[X104FAA], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, February 28th, 1886

Editor's Notes

Seems fitting to write you to close the month during which I became a bride; I see you all at church as I write; TAE found Discipline in his coat pocket and intends to study it, as some of it is obscure; he'll have papa explain the parts he cannot understand; "He wants to know if I married him to convert him, he is willing and wants to believe but he says he has such an inquiring mind that he cannot believe what he cannot see the whys and wherefores of but he does not want me to be influenced in the least by him nor believe anything he says on the subject for he thinks he must be wrong but can't help it; Saw the Whitneys or Whitestones yesterday as we left Atlanta; "People stare at us so; all knowing the person with me is Mr. Edison . . ."; I've stayed in my room but TAE has taken a sightseeing drive; saw little coming from Atlanta as we travelled by night; but this morning saw peach groves in bloom; orange trees seem to have been killed. [More description of the landscape and how "the colored people" live]; this is a "miserable hotel and a worse city"; leave for St. Augustine [FLORIDA] tomorrow where we'll stay for sometime; I'm not as well as when I wrote before; I shall not forget what a beautiful sight you all were standing under the awning as we left; TAE is lying on the bed trying to sleep, but is bothered by flies.

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Storer, Helen
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1886-02-28

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Race, religion, ethnicity

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Yesterday as we left Atlanta I saw Mr. and Mrs. Whitney (I think their names are, two very large persons that are always together and have been at Chautauqua, perhaps the name is Whitestone) anyway you may know whom I mean from above discription; Homely as mud fences both of them.

People stare at us so; all knowing that the person with me is Mr. Edison who has just been married and of course the curiosity of seeing him and then somewhat increased by his recent marriage causes quite a stir. Arrive at a hotel and hardly leave my room until we leave again, that is I do not go to my meals but Mr. E. has taken a drive about to see the sights. We saw very little scenery coming from Atlanta here as we travelled last night but this morning we saw peach groves in bloom. the orange trees all seem to have been killed this far down at least. Also we saw the yellow pine tree from which is derived the turpentine we use. It looked so queer to see a large forest of tall pines all hacked away just a little distance from the ground. One thing peculiar to the trees here is that they are all so very straight. that is due to the fact that there is so little wind it is perfectly flat here in Florida. We have seen nothing yet resembling the jungles we read and see illustrated in books that is still in store for me. You would or will be surprised when you see how they live here, towns! nothing to them what ever and a dozen or so of colored people living in a house with probably

but one room and no windows. They keep out in this way as much heat as possible as the sun is intensely hot in the day time. All the men of color are so black here; nearly every one of the darkest shade. Excuse Blot.

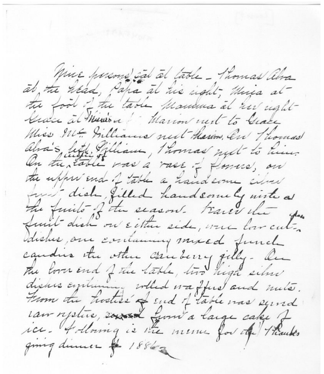
Upon opening my trunk this morning for the first time since I left home found my rugs and every thing all safe. I feel some what refreshed from the change of clothes made. This is a miserable hotel and a worse city. Tomorrow we leave for St. Augustine and as I have stated before will remain there some time. I am not as well as when I wrote before but nothing serious a few days will bring me out aright again. I wonder whether all the beautiful decorations have been removed. I wish I might see them again. Were they not beautiful? I shall never forget what a beautiful sight you all made under the awning when we left nor can I ever forget when we as a family were in the sitting room - It all looked so lovely to me.

I want to write a few lines to Helen so will say goodbye once more, meeting again soon.

Love to all - Your truly loving daughter - Mina.

Mr. Edison is lying on the bed trying to sleep but we have come into the flies home. He sends love and telegraphed this morning the message of safety.

Lovingly Mina.



Nine persons sat at table - Thomas Alva at the head, Papa at his right; Mina at the foot of the table Mamma at her right - Grace at Mina's left; Marion next to Grace Miss McWilliams next Marion. On Thomas Alva's left William, Thomas next to him. On the centre of table was a vase of flowers, on the upper end of table a handsome silver fruit dish, filled handsomely with all the fruits of the season. Near the fruit dish on either side, were low cut-glass dishes, one containing mixed French candies the other cranberry jelly. On the lower end of the table, two high silver dishes containing rolled wafers and nuts. From the hostess' end of table was served raw oysters, from a large cake of ice. Following is the menu for the Thanksgiving dinner of 1886

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[X104FAA1], Memorandum, November 1886

Title

[X104FAA1], Memorandum, November 1886

Editor's Notes

Discusses seating and menu of Thanksgiving dinner, November 1886. Author unknown. Probably written by one of Mina's siblings.

Mentioned

- McWilliams, Sarah
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1886-11-00

Type

Memorandum

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)

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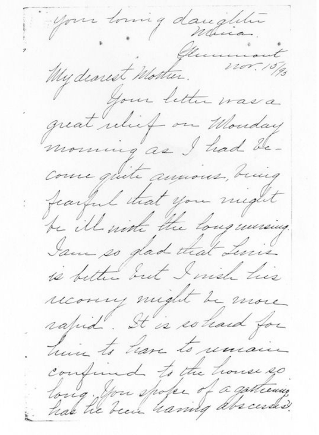
Raw oysters -
Vegetable Soup -
Quail on toast - French fried
potatoes -
Turkey with cranberry sauce -
Fried sweet potatoes
Cauliflower celery -
Potato croquets
Lettuce Salad, French dressing -
Ice cream, cake
Fruit, nuts and candies -
Coffee -



your loving daughter
Mina.

Glenmont
Nov. 15/93

My dearest Mother.

Your letter was a great relief on Monday morning as I had become quite anxious, being fearful that you might be ill with the long nursing. I am so glad that Lewis is better but I wish his recovery might be more rapid. It is so hard for him to have to remain confined to the house so long. You spoke of a gathering has he been having abscesses?

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[X104FAB], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, November 15th, 1893

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Ogden Ore Separating Plant
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Marion Wallace
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Edison, Julia Andrus Tilden (Mrs Simeon O.)
- Edison, Simeon Ogden
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1893-11-15

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Letter

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your loving daughter
Maria.

Glenmount
Nov. 15/93

My dearest Mother.

Your letter was a great relief on Monday morning as I had become quite anxious, being fearful that you might be ill with the long nursing. I am so glad that Lewis is better but I wish his recovery might be more rapid. It is so hard for him to have to remain confined to the house so long. You spoke of a gathering has he been having abscesses?

I trust that Papa and Jimmie are allright and free from any colds because this is such a bad time to have colds.

Mr. & Mrs. Sim Edison have taken their boarding place in Brick Church now and so this afternoon babies and I went down to call and we took a very short drive. Uncle Sim can get nothing to do and they are very much depressed. Edith is still in Cleveland.

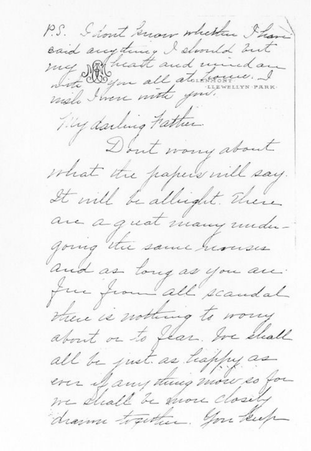
"Rinky" will be home pretty soon and I shall know in a very short time whether he has had success with an experiment on the Elevator for the mine or not. He said that if it did not work he would consider me a Jonah. I am very anxious to know results.

What do you think of "Rinky" for a name. His sister Marion called him that for a nick name and I thought it would perhaps be a good name for us to adopt for him. Our fate will soon be decided as the mill is to be running very soon.

Babies go to Kindergarten
every day and are very happy
in their work -

I wish Mary would come on
so as to be here thanksgiving
for the Game. I think
we are going to have a nice
time. I am not spending
a cent more than is necessary
I would enjoy some of the
theatres in New York now
but I am shutting out all
expenses so if any of you
can come on and enjoy a
quiet time with me I shall
be very happy to have you come

With ever + ever, so much
love to all and hoping that
Lewis will get well fast, I am



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LLEWELLYN PARK

P.S. I dont know whether I have said anything I should but my heart and mind are with you all at home. I wish I were with you.

My darling Father

Dont worry about what the papers will say. It will be allright. There are a great many undergoing the same reverses and as long as you are free from all scandal there is nothing to worry about or to fear. We shall all be just as happy as ever if any thing more so for we shall be more closely drawn together. You keep

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Lewis

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1893-12-09

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Keep well and courageous so as to help Mr. Edison out. If two inventors get at the work what a startling effect it will have on the world. You have been more fortunate than most inventors as they are generally poor all their lives but you have been able to enjoy much of this world and can still enjoy a great, great deal if you will only keep well.

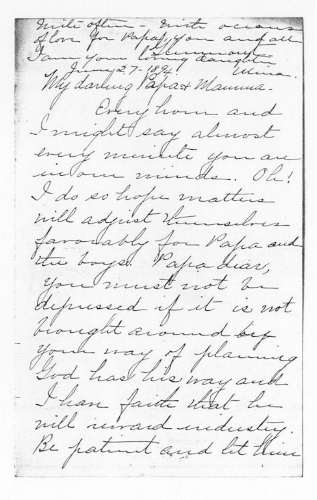
Dont worry about us for, Papa dear, you have done so much for us and now we are all able to take care of each other. Keep down pride which you have done so nobly for we have more than riches in our grand, beautiful father.

Good bye

Lovingly

Mina.

Dec. 9, 1893.



Write often - write oceans
of love for Papa, you and all
I am your loving daughter
Glenmont
Jany 27-1894. Mina.

My darling Papa & Mamma -

Every hour and I might say almost every minute you are in our minds. Oh! I do so hope matters will adjust themselves favorably for Papa and the boys. Papa dear, you must not be depressed if it is not brought around by your way of planning God has his way and I have faith that he will reward industry. Be patient and let Him

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Title
[X104FAD], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Lewis Miller, January 27th, 1894

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Ogden Ore Separating Plant
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

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1894-01-27

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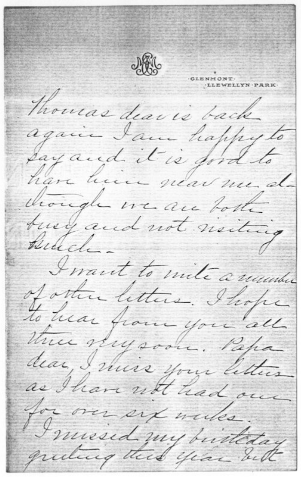
Mary, Grace and John also William started for the Race but decided that the trip was too extravagant and then their Spirits were low for entering into the sports. Theodore darling does not know that anything is wrong so he can enjoy the time. I do so hope that his crew will be the victorious one. I am sure that Theodore will be very much overcome if he



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·LLEWELLYN·PARK·

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1894-07-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health

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Thomas dear is back again I am happy to say and it is good to have him near me although we are both busy and not visiting much.

I want to write a number of other letters. I hope to hear from you all three very soon. Papa dear, I miss your letters as I have not had one for over six weeks.

I missed my birthday greeting this year but

I expect things were in such confusion upon Grace's arrival that she occupied all your time. I know that you thought of me and all however for Grace would not doubt have a great many questions to answering concerning thomas dear's illness.

As he says he works so hard that when he is ill the rest cures him.

I wish that you would write me fully all the business news for both thomas and I are deeply interested.

Darling Papa and Mamma I think of you both often, often. May God bless you both and spare you from any further trouble. I cannot tell you how much I sympathize and long for favorable settlement of affairs and I am sure all will come out right if we have faith and patience.

Give my love to all -

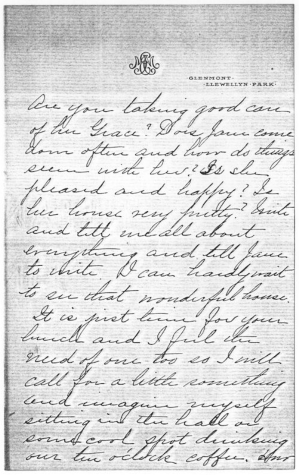
Your loving daughter

Minia.

July 8-1894.

P.S. Grace I have your silver book mark pair of stockings and handkerchiefs which I will send to you when I am sure there is nothing more.

Mina



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LLEWELLYN PARK

Are you taking good care
of her Grace? Does Jane come
down often and how do things
seem with her? Is she
pleased and happy? Is
her house very pretty? Write
and tell me all about
everything and tell Jane
to write. I can hardly wait
to see that wonderful house.
It is just time for your
lunch and I feel the
need of one too so I will
call for a little something
and imagine myself
sitting in the hall or
some cool spot drinking
our ten o'clock coffee. How

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[X104FAF], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Grace A Miller, July 16th, 1894

Title

[X104FAF], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Grace A Miller, July 16th, 1894

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

Date

1894-07-16

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·LLEWELLYN·PARK·

Are you taking good care of the Grace? Does Jane come down often and how do things seem with her? Is she pleased and happy? Is her house very pretty? Write and tell me all about everything and tell Jane to write. I can hardly wait to see that wonderful house.

It is just time for your lunch and I feel the need of one too so I will call for a little something and imagine myself sitting in the hall or some cool spot drinking our ten o'clock coffee. How

I wish that it were real and not imagination.

I made Madeleine feel very badly the other day by telling her that Grandmama felt very much hurt for her having said that she thought Akron so dirty. She does not like to hurt any ones feelings. We have school everyday and I am quite proud of the progress babies are making. It is great fun. I truly wish that I had you both here with me. It seems a pity to all be separated this way-

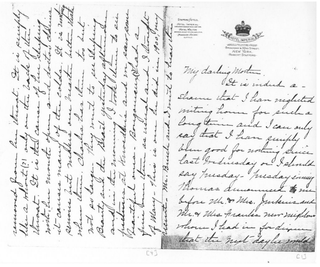
I sincerely hope that Mary is not getting more than she bargained for. I hope the boys do not worry her. Had a letter from William this morning and he writes that Lif is having good times. Also John seems to think they all are enjoying the summer-

Poor Mamma, to have to be separated from your boys is pretty hard lines but they are both earning something so that no doubt will make you happier.

Give my love to Edward, Louis and the other two families-

With oceans of love for you both, your loving daughter and sister, Mina.

July 16-1894-



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Title

[X104FAG], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, January 12th, 1902

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Quay, Thetta, (Mrs Robert A. Franks)
- Hill, Nannie K (Mrs Walter L.)
- Edison, Charles
- Marconi, Guglielmo
- Gaunt, James
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Gaunt, Thomas Townsend
- Jenkins, Alfred Blunt
- Wylie, Walker Gill
- Edison, Julia Andrus Tilden (Mrs Simeon O.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Jenkins, Annie Gray (Mrs Alfred B.)

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NEW YORK.
ROBERT STAFFORD.

My darling Mother.

It is indeed a - shame that I have neglected writing home for such a long time and I can only say that I have simply been good for nothing since last Wednesday or I should say Tuesday - Tuesday evening Thomas announced ~~to~~ me before Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. & Mrs Franks new neighbors whom I had in for dinner that the next day he would

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removed from her throat. It is simply like a wart(?) only on the back of the throat. It is the cause of her sleeping with her mouth open and doctor claims it causes many of the colds. It is nothing serious but makes one breathe better [illegible] when them. Charles has them too but not so large. They went to see Sleeping Beauty and the Beast yesterday afternoon and in the morning I took them to see pictures at Knoedler's and we saw some beautiful ones. Bouguereau(?) had a fine one there as usual and I thought of Mary - This is one he did in 1900, very recent. Mr. Busch and I went to hear the

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start in on the water cure. It seems Dr. Gaunt and Mr. Gaunt had been at the laboratory urging him to try it for his stomach. He said "allright I will I will go tomorrow". They had to get the rooms here in the city and arranged everything. Baby being very nervous I decided to bring him in at the same time to see Dr. Wylie about him. We made ourselves ready and came in Thursday, the day after Thomas. Here we are at the Imperial, a hotel that I had always looked upon with scorn

and did not like. It seems other desirable places were full. I am rather glad now as here we are like being in the same house. Charles and Madeleine came in Friday to remain until this evening. They have just gone so as to be in school tomorrow. Edith, I think, will be with them although her mother may be too ill as she was to come in here today and did not. They will get along allright, however, I think. I am between two fires. I want to be with Thomas and still I can not bear to have the children away from me. They are two dear little pets. Madeleine may come back Wednesday to have a very large adenoid young violinist and he is starting today on his long American tour. If he comes to Cleveland the girls and boys must not fail to hear him. He plays beautifully. Mr. & Mrs. Hill took me to see Beaucaire last evening. Richard Mansfield is playing it. It was fine and I imagine Mansfield must speak French like a book. Mr. Garrett, by the way, is taking the treatment with Thomas and he seems to be quite a French scholar. If Mansfield comes your way in Beaucaire be sure to see him. Mr. Birch and I Friday night heard Wilson in Toreador, a new production. I can't say that Wilson fascinates me particularly. I dont know when I have seen so many things all at once. For a time I thought my pleasure in the theatre had entirely vanished but I have certainly enjoyed those of late. Tomorrow evening a banquet is given at the Waldorf in honor of Marconi. They want me particularly to come owing to Thomas's inability to do so. Now my great annoyance is that I did not get a new evening dress this winter. That is it. I go little and it seems foolish to buy a dress for evening occasions but when you want it you want it badly. Is that not the way.

It is time for me to go to bed now so I will say goodnight and will not neglect you so again.

Yours loving daughter
and love to all!

Mina.

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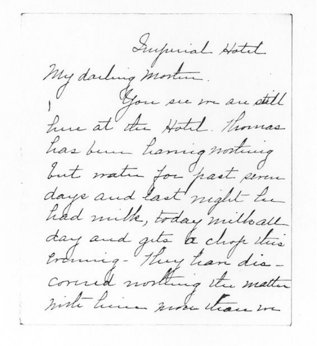
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Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Gaunt, James
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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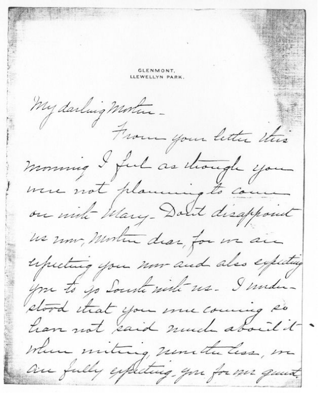
Everything is allright with us so do not worry a moment.

With oceans of love-

Lovingly Nina.

January 16-1902



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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Yardley, Farnham
- Douglass, Carol
- Hathaway, Annie C (Mrs Walter T.)
- Barstow, Lois Buhrer (Mrs Frank Q.)
- Edison, Charles
- Yardley, Margaret Tufts Swan
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Simeon Ogden
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Theodore is in fine shape now - Our little change has done him a great deal of good. He was very nervous and sleepless but now sleeps and eats well - I think with the additional Florida change he will be in fine shape - We have had no nurse but Katherine and myself - there was really nothing but intense excitement seemingly the matter

Tell Mary that the thing to get is Marchand's Peroxide of Hydrog for her moustache. I have been using it and it works like a charm, it will bleach the hair in great shape.

Madeline and Charles are in good shape now and they are doing very well at school. - I want very much to take Madeleine with us South and I think this morning Miss Morgan and I settled upon her going although Mrs. Benjamin Douglass is very anxious to have Madeleine come over and stay with Carol. It would be nice in a great many ways for her to do so but I cannot bring myself to leave her very well. - You must not expect anything at al wonderful at "Seminole Lodge" for things are very crude and camping out effect. We simply enjoy comfortable living.

Tonight Mrs. Hathaway is having a reception and we were invited but Thomas did not feel like going - Louise & Robert write that Jr. started for New York Sunday or was expecting to do so unless they heard that Mary was coming - It will be pretty hard for them I imagine to give him up but I think that they are wise, don't you?

Martin, Mary, the cook, we had at Chautauqua last summer was in one Sunday. Mrs. Arnold has closed her house and Mary has no place at present. She says that she would go to you if you want her - She is Catholic you know and of course I told her I thought that you had some one now - How is it, have you? John is here now, is very well -

GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

Thomas does not seem quite as well as I hoped he would after the strict diet but he will probably get stronger and stronger and be better in the end. Orange is very gay at present and I want to be at something too. Just what is hard to say. I am going to have Mr & Mrs Gilmore Mr. & Mrs. Yardley and Mr. & Mrs. Barstow for dinner one evening. Then I want to give an evening of something sometime during February- I am undecided as to just what now. Musical or Talk.

Edith's father is not well either and may have to have an operation performed for some trouble he has. Poor Edith has her heart and hands full- Our church is agitating seriously a new edifice and everything is tending to that at present. The Ladies Aid and two Missionary societies had union meeting and luncheon the other day and it was a great success. Robin letter is here and I will forward soon-

Lakewood is certainly a charming spot and I trust that we may make many visits there in the future. It is so restful and comfortable.

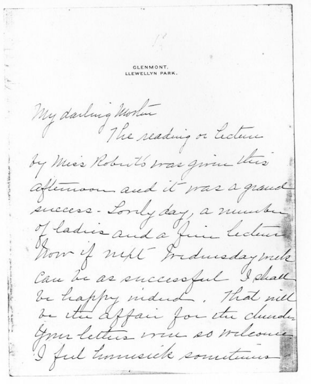
Well darling I must say good-night- I am frightfully behind in my correspondence.

Goodnight with oceans of love- Devotedly, Alma.

January 27-1902

Hello- Just a small postscript to send my love and kisses. Will write you soon -

John -



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Judd, Agnes Boyd (Mrs Albert F.)
- Edison, Charles
- Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

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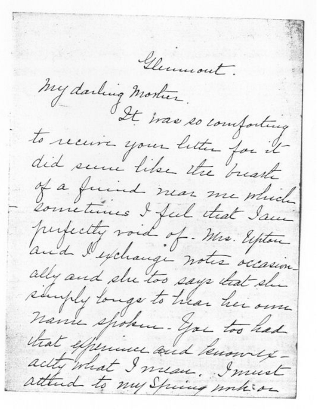
This afternoon Mrs. Judd from Honolulu called and spoke very nicely of Lewis. Her daughter was with her but she did not gush so much Lewis probably did not take to her, as she is not very prepossessing, so he did not put himself out to be agreeable and she felt it. Ask Lewis, how about it? Mrs. Upton and Edith took Luncheon with us and altogether I have had a rather busy day - This morning running about seeing to arrangements for next Wednesday - I am terribly worried about that for fear it will not be successful and will fall flat. Well darling I must to bed - I am delighted to know that you had such a good time and you do not wish any stronger than we wish that we might have enjoyed it with you

The children and all are very well and every thing lovely -

Love to all - devotedly Mina.

April 15 - 1902



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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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I would except your kind invitation and come out to you all at once - the children as well as myself must be clothed and the house must have considerable of attention. I am already now to go to Mrs. Dod's for luncheon - Must go -

I began this letter yesterday and now it is twelve thirty and Thomas Alva not yet arrived. He has been very good about coming up at noon and resting thus keeping very well - The children too are well and we are all happy - I feel a great pressure upon me but shall hope to be free of it soon. The first week or ten days I was simply in boiling water. Jennie one day said that she was going, then Lily came to me saying she wanted to change - The man, John got was very grand and the work too much, the laundry in a terrible muddle as the laundresses were poor and women by the day, washing of three weeks before them which seemed hopeless to them and me - A reading at the house, ladies aid meeting arrangements for the Evening here for the church, etc. Luncheons were the only little pleasures thrown in. However it is all over now and I trust things will run straight for some time to come - You see how my mind must have been unfit for writing but my thoughts were with you all.

I think our evening on Wednesday is going to be very nice indeed if it works out as planned - One can never be sure of things. I sincerely trust however that nothing will fail me - I am turning grey fast but I think if anything goes wrong Wednesday my hair will be white. Oh, how I miss old John in arranging all these things. I am responsible for it all and am nearly frantic. I think possibly I can come out debt whole and that's about all:-perhaps I shall be more fortunate.

Everything is going on now and the town of Orange seems alive with excitement Church matters hold a minor position here in many cases.

Will write again soon and shall hope for a letter as often as possible from you. I am so glad you had such a good time and that now you are well and found everything so comfortable. Home is a pretty good place to be when the worries are solved. I do hope that some day we shall see all the beauties of that place you visited.

Will now wish for you and all Gods' blessing and with much love

Lovingly Mina.

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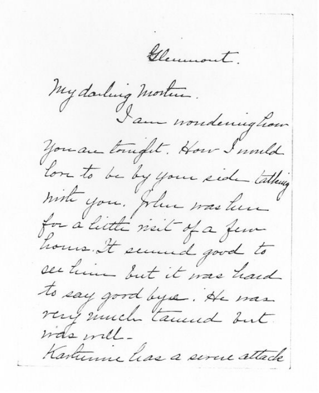

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Katherine has a severe attack

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Katharine has a severe attack

of influenza and has been in bed yesterday and today. It makes it pretty hard with the various other things to attend to and trust that she will soon be better -

The children are well now also Thomas Alva and myself are in health.

They have put me on all the committees connected with the church and I cannot possibly attend to it all - Edith was at Sunday School and church with us. Uncle Sim thinks of going to Dakota this week. Edith and her mother are to follow -

I am tired this evening and I have baby to put to bed so will say good-night - I am hoping for good letters in the morning. We all send love and kisses - Devotedly

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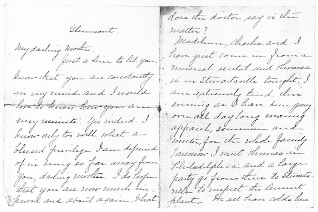

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Mentioned

- Edison Cement Works (Stewartsville)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Thomson, Frances Anna Blandy (Mrs William)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Thomson, William, (Lord Kelvin)

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and I trust you are escaping
them there

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day Lord & Lady Kelvin were
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another time. Edith is
going to be with the children
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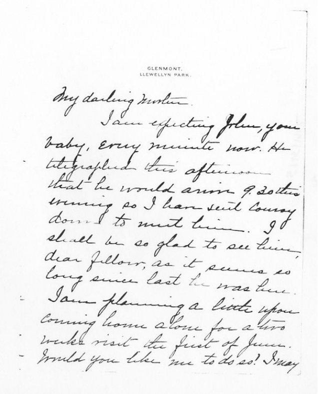

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Mentioned

- Woman's Club of Orange
- Douglass, Carol
- Nilan, Patrick
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Conroy, Thomas
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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My darling Mother.

I am expecting John, your baby, every minute now. He telegraphed this afternoon that he would arrive 9.30 this evening so I have sent Conroy down to meet him. I shall be so glad to see him, dear fellow, as it seems so long since last he was here. I am planning a little upon coming home alone for a two weeks visit the first of June. Would you like me to do so? I may bring baby but think it a rather hard trip for so short a time. Will it make any difference which way I do it? Thomas wants me to go with him the seventeenth to attend a convention of Electrical men and I would like to and then he wants us home on the fourth and to go into Canada during August. I thought Madeleine and Charles could make their visit another time as their school does not close until the seventeenth. I want to make this visit now and then another visit some time later in the year. Would you like me to do that way?

My hopes had been for Yellowstone Park but Thomas wants to go with us when we take that trip and I imagine he will give us a good time in August some other way. If you will, darling, I want you to be with us as well as the girls. Carroll Douglass wants Madeleine to spend a little time with her at the Adirondacks, which will be nice for her, during July. I want to do some changing in the dining room etc. and will attend to it upon returning. If Thomas is ~~not~~ feeling well he is to telegraph me and I shall return for the seventeenth but if he does not feel like going I can make a little longer visit. I know that you want the children but it seems we can not well arrange time when all can come together. Do you not think it will be pleasant this way, as well? I dont want to interfere with the house cleaning in the least you go ahead and never mind me - If Thomas does not go to that convention I can perhaps remain long enough to have Madeline and Charles come on after the close of school so you better plan for us in June but any important work go ahead in.

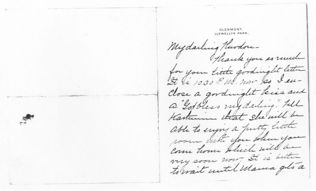
This past week has been a busy one for me and the coming week is full - Ellen is allright again but Patrick is paralized on one side. He seems very nice and appreciates everything done for him - He is improving some so hope he will be able to do some work for us yet. Everybody is fond of Ellen and I do hope she will like it here and be my right hand man. That is what I want to make her in the fall -

Tuesday I go to Mrs. Graves for luncheon and Wednesday receive at the Country Club for the Woman's Club and then pour the last half of the afternoon. Saturday Madeleine has fifteen or twenty little girls up for a birthday "tea" 4 30 to 8.30 P.M.

The children are well and this afternoon we had a spin over to South Orange and back in one of the gasoline flying automobiles. It was great sport but it made me feel like clinging to the sides every minute and felt myself drawn up to the highest tension for fear something might happen. Last Friday the first run with our little battery was made and the Woods' machine a small runabout went 62 miles. It is a great victory and all are happy - Thomas is receiving boxes of cigars from all the stock holders on a wager - It is great sport. He is very well

now and his old self - He says I am
my old self but I say he is his old self.
Well it is blissful to have him *his* *old* *self*!
Well, darling, John has come and I
must see him a little - Good night -
love to all - Devotedly Maria.

May 25. 1902



GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Theodore-

Thank you so much for your little goodnight letter. It is 10.30 P.M. now so I enclose a goodnight kiss and a "God bless my darling". Tell Kathrine that she will be able to enjoy a pretty little room with you when you come home which will be very soon now. It is better to wait until Mama gets a

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Edison, Theodore Miller

Mentioned

- Edison Cement Works (Stewartsville)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Theodore -

Thank you so much for your little goodnight letter. It is 10.30 P.M. now so I enclose a goodnight kiss and a "God bless my darling." Tell Katurina that she will be able to enjoy a pretty little room with you when you come home which will be very soon now. It is better to wait until Mama gets a more settled than at present and Grandmother & Aunt Mary want you so I am going to be a little patient. Charles and Morton are going up to see Papa tomorrow at the Cement Works and bring him home for Sunday. Papa is pleased with the progress at the Cement Works and I hope that someday you will be kept pretty busy continuing work that Papa is starting and doing a lot more that you will organize. Do you kiss Grandmother and Aunt Mary for Mama every day? Tell Katherine we all miss her too and hope that she is enjoying herself—

Well darling goodnight. I will kiss Papa for you tomorrow.

With kisses, Lovingly,

Mama.

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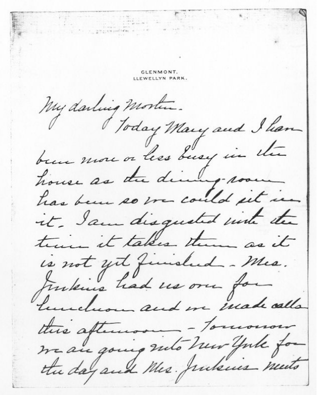

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LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Mother-

Today Mary and I have been more or less busy in the house as the dining-room has been so we could sit in it. I am disgusted with the time it takes them as it is not yet finished - Mrs. Jenkins had us over for luncheon and we made calls this afternoon - Tomorrow we are going into New York for the day and Mrs. Jenkins meets

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Douglass, Benjamin, Jr
- Jenkins, Annie Gray (Mrs Alfred B.)

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GLENMONT.
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Morton-

Today Mary and I have been more or less busy in the house as the dining-room has been so we could sit in it. I am disgusted with the time it takes them as it is not yet finished - Mrs. Jenkins had us over for luncheon and we made calls this afternoon - Tomorrow we are going into New York for the day and Mrs. Jenkins meets us for luncheon and to look up some present for Benjamin Douglass's wedding - We may all go up on the fourth of October and remain until Tuesday evening - He is to be married in the Adirondack Mountains and a large party will go up from here. It will be fun I think although I feel that I have been away from home a great deal and duties stare me in the face - Baby looks pretty well but already he does not seem to have the color he did when he came from home - I do not see why it is - I am enjoying Mary's visit so much but do not want her to go - It will seem hard to give her up. Saturday I think we shall go to New York for some matinee. I wish you and Grace dear were here too but that will be some time in the near future. Grace will have to plan (if she would enjoy it) to spend her christmas vacation with me - I would love to have her -

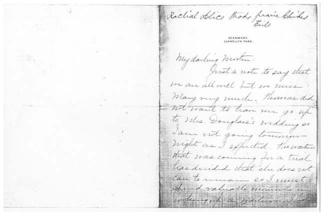
Mosquitos are thick as hops and we are being eaten up. Madeleine and I are hard to understand - I do not know what I shall do with her as she is so disagreeable or cross.

and then I get out of patience with her.

I want to write other letters so must say good night - With love to you and all -

Lovingly Mina.

Sept. 23-1902



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Douglass, Mary Stone (Mrs Benjamin)
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Darling, Edward A
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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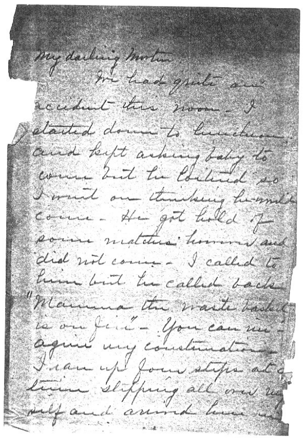
GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Mother.

Just a note to say that we are all well but we miss Mary very much. Thomas did not want to have me go up to Mrs. Douglass's wedding so I am not going tomorrow night as I expected. The waitress that was coming for a trial has decided that she does not care to remain so I must spend valuable moments in looking up a waitress. I hate to task but I guess we are all meant to be busy someway with something that is not just our liking.

Little Jack Pettit's mother died yesterday morning. Her life has indeed been a sad one. So much trouble during her later years. It seems terrible. The children are well and thanks to you you & Mary baby is finer than he ever was - How I wish you all were about here some place. I am all alone and we could see so much of each other.

I see some Springfield Ohio firm, Governor Bushnell, I guess it is, has been bought up by the Harvesting Combine. Perhaps Ira could find out something from them how things are moving & I do hope some move can be made that will be favorable - "Though today may not thy hopes fulfil, have patience still; For perchance tomorrow's sun sees thy happier days begun." Mary will tell you all the news of Glenmont. Mr. Darling wished to be remember kindly to Mary in his bread & butter letter. They have a team for me to see Saturday. Mary should be with me. Well darling goodnight. We enjoyed the apples very much indeed. Thank you darling. Lovingly Nina. Oct. 2-1902



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We had quite an
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some matches somehow and
did not come. I called to
him but he called back
"Mamma the waste basket
is on fire." You can im-
agine my consternation.
I ran up four steps at a
time slipping all over my
self and around him

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Title

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Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Blankenship, Georgia
- Quay, Thetta, (Mrs Robert A. Franks)
- Hathaway, Annie C (Mrs Walter T.)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Colgate, Margaret Auchincloss (Mrs Richard M.)
- Edison, Simeon Ogden
- Jenkins, Annie Gray (Mrs Alfred B.)

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My darling Morton,

We had quite an accident this noon. I started down to luncheon and kept asking baby to come but he loitered so I went on thinking he would come. He got hold of some matches somehow and did not come. I called to him but he called back "Mamma the waste basket is on fire". You can imagine my consternation. I ran up four steps at a time slipping all over myself and around him the sitting and even though the basket was in a blaze. Frightened! I should say so - Picked up the thing and threw it into the grate and fortunately no more damage done than that the pretty waste basket Madeline had made was burned to ashes. I wish you could have heard Teddy explain how it happened He says the match and his head got too near the basket and the paper caught fire. He said that he blew for all he was worth and he could not blow it out so he called - Well we have

much to be thankful for
tonight I can assure you,
a little more and baby
might have been burned
up and perhaps the
house too - mercy but I
was frightened and I
told baby he was never to
touch another match.
When telling Hartmann he
said in a most plaintive
tone - "Mamma says I
can not play with fire any
more" - He kept repeating
to me when getting out the
fire "Mamma I didn't
mean to really I didn't
mean to" - Most anxious
and worried - Poor little
dear -

Lady Somerset and two
friends are coming
either the third or fourth
so I am in for it —
The dinner was a grand
success and the groom
elect is extremely nice, I
think — Grace probably
met him. Ethel is radiant
and all seemed to enjoy
the evening extremely.
Poor Edith writes that some
part of the machinery
broke which is a great
draw back to the work —
Uncle Sam is returning &
Edith and her mother
come later — Edith's letter
was a very blue one —

Going into New York in
the morning - Mrs. Jenkins
has invited me to go to
the theater with her Sat-
urday - Mrs. Hathaway
wants me to read a
paper for her before the
Woman's Club the 17 of
Dec. and I am to go to
her house tomorrow at
4.30 to see about it - I
have not decided yet whether
I will do it.

Had an interesting meeting
yesterday at the Club.
Mrs. Colgate & Miss Blanken-
ship called this morning
and Mrs. Franks yesterday
but missed them all so
do not know much pack

Gossip -

Cement works are getting on beautifully -

Will the maid Mary spoke of be a good seamstress or an assistant for us all? I would like such.

I am out a house man and looking for a laundress. I feel greatly unsettled but happy -

Tell darling goodnight love to all.

Lovingly
Mina -

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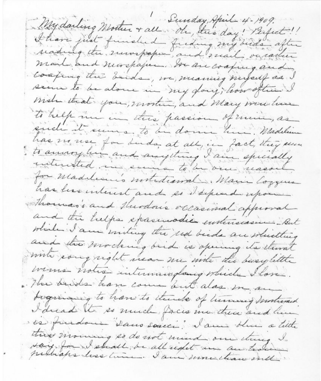

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Sunday, April 4-1909.

My darling Mother & all. Oh, this day! Perfect!!
I have just finished feeding my birds after
reading the newspaper, and mail, or rather
mail and newspaper. We are coaxing and
coaxing the birds, we, meaning myself as I
seem to be alone in my glory; how often I
wish that you, mother, and Mary were here
to help me in this passion of mine, as
such it seems to be down here. Madeleine
has no use for birds at all, in fact, they seem
to annoy her and anything I am specially
interested in seems to be one reason
for Madeleine's withdrawal. Marie Cozzens
has less interest and so I depend upon
Thomas's and Theodore's occasional approval
and the helps spasmodic enthusiasm. But
while I am writing the red birds are whistling
and the mocking bird is opening its throat
with song right near me with the busy little
wrens notes intermingling which I love.
The birds have come but alas we are
beginning to have to think of turning northward
I dread it so much. Faces me there and here
is freedom "sans souci." I am blue a little
this morning so do not mind one thing I
say for I shall be all right in an hour
perhaps less time. I am more than well

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Title

[X104FAS], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, April 4th, 1909

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Dusenbury, Caroline
- New York Phonograph Co
- National Phonograph Co
- Edison Cement Works (Stewartsville)
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- North American Phonograph Co
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Massey, Eliza Ann Phelps (Mrs Hart A.)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Gilliland, Ezra Torrance
- Bridge, William Dawson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Lippincott, Jesse H
- Tomlinson, John Canfield
- Platt, Thomas Collier
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Sunday, April 4-1909.

My darling Mother & all. Oh, this day! Perfect!! I have just finished feeding my birds after reading the newspaper and mail or rather mail and newspaper. We are coaxing and coaxing the birds, we, meaning myself as I seem to be alone in my glory; how often I wish that you, mother, and Mary were here to help me in this passion of mine, as such it seems to be down here. Madeline has no use for birds at all, in fact, they seem to annoy her and anything I am specially interested in seems to be one reason for Madeline's withdrawal. Marie Cozzens has less interest and so I depend upon Thomas's and Theodore's occasional approval and the helps spasmodic enthusiasm. But while I am writing the red birds are whistling and the mocking bird is opening its throat with song right near me with the busy little wrens notes intermingling which I love. The birds have come but alas we are beginning to have to think of turning Northward. I dread it so much. Jail is me there and here is freedom "sans souci". I am blue a little this morning so do not mind one thing I say for I shall be all right in an hour perhaps less time. I am more than well

and it must have been my cold that made Gertrude think otherwise - It all disappeared long ago as for the rest they are simply revelling in good health and in good times. I think Madeleine may be a little downcast today as she had hoped to entertain a young man who would have arrived today but we decided that he was too much of a stranger to have in such close quarters for an indefinite length of time. I no doubt have made a great mistake in my judgment as that is my usual fault but any way it is done. She seems all right but I think she was very happy in the prospect of having a gay time. I thought it would look pretty pointed to have a man come all the way from Orange to make Madeleine a visit and one whom she had just met at dances thus not knowing anything about him. What do you think?
Theodore is growing like a weed and is as happy as the day is long. The monkeys are a great source of amusement. Papa & son better. We had fine news from the cement works this morning - This month they sold 64 per cent. more cement than the corresponding month of last year, Hurrah! I dread to touch on the phonograph subject for it does upset me so - Poor dear, it is wicked, wicked!! After eight years establishing a bankrupted business and buying out the company through some

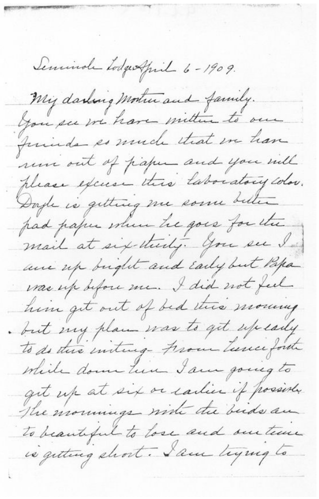
trickery on the part of Tomlinson, Tom Platt and Tammany they got a judgment against the National Company claiming that when they bought out the Lippincott Co. which failed that the N.Y. Co. did not come under that sale. All these state Cos. being organized under this Lippincott Co. And Thomas understanding that he had covered all - For eight years things went on and the business at last becoming of importance then this Tomlinson, you remember he was with Mr. Gilliland in the early negotiations and was Thomas's lawyer for years comes forward with some technical claim and has played havoc with things. It has been fought for some time now so the other day settled. Thomas has arranged to settle by cash and finish it up at once. They have some reserve cash and a little coming in that will help also and then to borrow some. It is hard lines for my poor dear, and it has been a hard blow. He says himself that it is the hardest yet. He is working early and late in trying to cheapen the phonograph process thus gaining that which he loses. He has made some good hits already. Dont you worry over things for it will come out all right I am sure - "When he is pushed, tormented, defeated he has a chance to learn something." Emerson. Every time there has been trouble to surmount much good has resulted - This may bring something fine. If the cement will only keep on picking up that will help a lot. Madeline wrote to Charles about things and he started down town to see what could be done about selling flowers from the greenhouse. The dear little girlie is so anxious to help in expenses and Charles is in for bargains. We have not come to that necessity as yet however but it is sweet to find the sympathy and understanding there. It will be all right and then anyway while it will mean things should be guarded it does not mean that all is lost. Dont worry over it, dear, for it will come all right - It may be a blessing in disguise - Thomas seems happy and busy - He is like a rubber-ball - dear me. He enjoys Theodore considerable and Charlie suits him and he is certainly proud of him. - Charlie was selected as his school representative for the Record at the Yale banquet or entertainment in N. H. It pleased Charles very much to say nothing of his proud mother. He and John are having a little time to themselves just now. Does it ever strike you that Charlie writes and seems very much like our darling Theodore? What a darling he was! I feel so often that Charles is like him.

After your letter of yesterday telling of Mrs. Vincent's death on last Thursday or rather the 28th I had a letter from Dr. Bridge announcing the same news. Dear woman is at rest but how George will miss her and Bishop too perhaps now although I might have doubted it at one time. I think that I ought to write to Miss Dusenbury as well as George and his father. I do dread it so – Such letters are so hard for me to write and in this case especially. I could have written to Mrs. Vincent easier. I hope that Mary went, for that was certainly the thing to do. Did anyone to go to Mrs. Massey's funeral? I never heard about Mrs. Vincent's death you see until nearly five days after the sad event. I would love to have sent some flowers or telegram.

I am so disappointed about your unwillingness to come to Orange Mother dear – I want you very, very much and you know that it is all foolishness about your excuses – there is nothing in them and I do think the change does you good, don't you? Don't give your positive answer now –

I am afraid that I have simply used you up with this long letter – I don't understand any great lapse of time in my letters. It is strange.

Love to all and kisses – Lovingly Mina.



Seminole Lodge April 6-1909.

My darling Mother and family.

You see we have written to our friends so much that we have run out of paper and you will please excuse this laboratory color. Doyle is getting me some better pad paper when he goes for the mail at six-thirty. You see I am up bright and early but Papa was up before me. I did not feel him get out of bed this morning but my plan was to get up early to do this writing. From hence forth while down here I am going to get up at six or earlier if possible. The mornings with the birds are to beautiful to lose and our time is getting short. I am trying to

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Author
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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Dusenbury, Caroline
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Borden, Albert Greene
- Vincent, Elizabeth Dusenbury (Mrs John H.)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Doyle, Michael
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Seminole Lodge April 6 - 1909.

My darling Mother and family.

You see we have written to our friends so much that we have run out of paper and you will please excuse this laboratory color. Doyle is getting me some better pad paper when he goes for the mail at six-thirty. You see I am up bright and early but Papa was up before me. I did not feel him get out of bed this morning but my plan was to get up early to do this writing. From hence forth while down here I am going to get up at six or earlier if possible. The mornings with the birds are to beautiful to lose and our time is getting short. I am trying to make arrangements for the sixteenth but it may not be possible to get accommodations thus before the 20th - Madeline has some engagement for the 20th which she is anxious to meet however if it were not for Thomas we would remain later I am sure for we all but Madeline dread to go - She is anxious to get back to her "pin-heads" as Thomas calls them - I think Mr. Borden's not coming has made her a little depressed. Her winter in society has developed a love for it rather than a disgust as I had imagined it would. You see I do not believe such over doing of anything is good - Her reading all the time now the reaction - Always novels at that - She and Marie are very contented and happy however so it is all right - It is just that this party comes off the 20th and that her excuse to Mr. Borden for not comming down was that we were going home earlier than we expected. Poor child says that during the past year she has learned to lie. When you write I hope that you will tell me all about Mrs. Vincent's funeral, etc. It is too bad - not a very old lady she should have lived a number of years yet - Bishop has lost her when he will feel it the most - It is now that he will need a home and a wife who loved him most. I wonder what he will do. I am trying to write to him, George and Miss Dusenbury but it is a hard task.

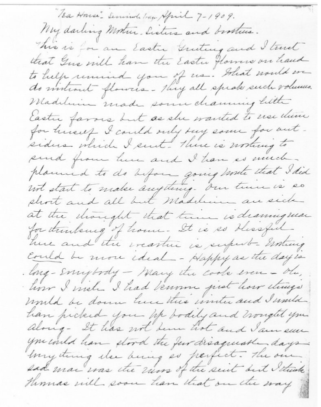
We have some plants on the piazza and there is a little wren hopping about in it - there are a number about the house - Birds

have come - two or three mocking
birds giving me a song, red birds,
Bob-white off in the distance and
the blue-jay all going at once -
Thomas caught trout, snapper &
I think a small tarpon which he
did not land, right off the pier -
We have great admiration ex-
pressed for the fitting out of our
pier - We may supper there this
evening - I am not sure.

I must write to Johnnie and
Charlson before breakfast.

With love to all -

Lovingly
Nina -



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Victor Talking Machine Co
- Ott, Frederick Paul
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Flaherty, Mary
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Doyle, Michael
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Subject

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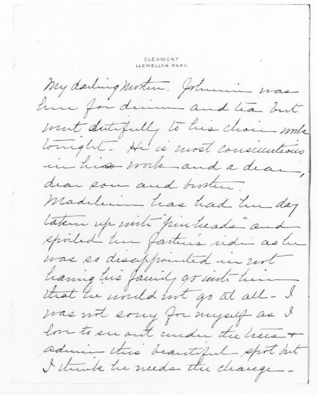
towards paying him back - He is working at cheapening the process in that way getting back the money he has lost. It means a little time but I am sure that it will come. Mary your letter was so full of courage - How do the Victor's impress you all by this time? They certainly know how to advertise but so do we - N'est pas?
Thomas is busy fishing off the pier but has caught nothing but a drum fish. However he seems to be as patient over his fishing as he is over some chemical problems. I cannot understand the fascination. When one gets fish that is another thing but not to simply cast and catch nothing. Earnest the man has just caught a shark - No good but he has so patiently fished that I am glad. Madeleine, Marie Theodore and the two maids are going bathing in the hotel pool - so every body is happy - Freddie Ott has been a triumph here this year I am pleased with him. Doyle and Lena are all right too but not very energetic - Things look mighty nice, however - Your cocoanut tree nursery is looking fine - When you come down next year you will be pleased with it - I wish you were seeing it now. I am anxiously waiting for home letters telling me all about everything -



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Mary Sinclair (Mae)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Colgate, Margaret Auchincloss (Mrs Richard M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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- Edison-Miller family
- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)

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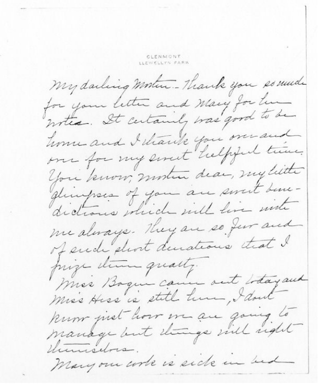
Mrs. Rodswell had her sister with her at church this morning and it made the tears come as it took me to my little sister. She is just your size and the same delicate flower. Ours was communion service and I imagined you with me in spirit — Ah. how often I have to imagine you instead of having you right here — My visit was a sweet benediction my darling sister and I thank you. We did have some sweet moments and they will always live with me.

Johnnie wants something & I am going to tell you. Wash clothes. I would have given them the ones you gave me but could not bring myself to give away what you had given me. Did I do right? Madeline was pleased with hers. This is a busy week for her as well as myself. The play comes off on Wednesday with rehearsals ahead. Mae Sloane's wedding tomorrow, rehearsal with children at the church for children's Day and the dentist for me. Tuesday luncheon, Mrs. Colgate's to assist with "Settlement Entertainment" in afternoon. Madeline giving Buffet Supper to performers & dress rehearsal. Wednesday Woman's Guild and the Play and thus it goes. I am tired now what will I be by Friday when we go to Charles at Hotchkiss for three days or four of his Commencement week. To think that he is through and I have been up but twice makes me sick. It is too bad. Goodnight love & kisses to all from all. Lovingly Mina.

June 6-1909.



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Hotchkiss School
- Colgate, Austen
- Thompson, Julia
- Hess, Mabel Davis
- Douglass, Payson Stone
- Douglass, Mary Stone (Mrs Benjamin)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Fort, John Franklin
- Flaherty, Mary
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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and Mollie our nice little maid has a very sad call west as her sister is ill - She starts Saturday but will come back as soon as she can. Madeleine is making a visit to Julia Thompson's from Hotchkiss until the first of July so it will be easier to have Mollie away than any other time. She is such a sensible girl that we will miss her sadly -

Possibly tomorrow afternoon we will go up to Charles or anyway Friday morning for Sunday - Charles telephoned down tonight. He is afraid that he will not get his diploma - There will be a few disappointed people if he does not.

Madeleine was to have her play tonight but it is pouring so I had to be given up and I fear it will pour tomorrow. She has Stone Douglass calling tonight. All the time some one.

It has been a full week and I am somewhat tired. I would be at a large dinner given to Gov. Fort by Austin Colgate had it not been that I sent regrets on account of Madeleine's play which has not come off on account of the rain. I am just as well satisfied for I am tired. Played Bridge with my class this morning at eleven, remained with Mrs. Douglass for luncheon and then went to Guild meeting. We made $170 on Mrs. Judd's three readings. How is that? Everything is the Cosmo Vila now. A scheme they have on now for the Hospital.

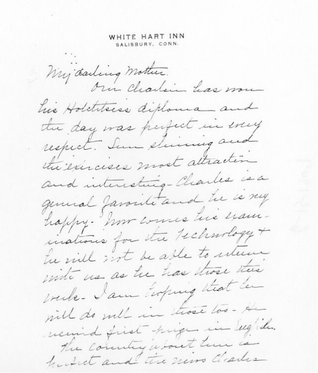
Mary I want to thank you for the Buckeye

When can we have it? It was sweet of you to think of us. Thomas is getting on but slowly- Edward wrote that he felt terribly hurt by my actions- He doesn't understand why I did not let him know. I have written to him. Don't worry, mother dear, all will come right- Edward will have an awakening sometime and everything could be much worse. Many, many cases are. Just don't think of that, mother dear, but of the many blessings in everything else. I wish that I could take you in my arms this very minute- You must plan to come on in October this year. You will wont you?

Goodnight, dearies all. Thanks to you all for all your kindness and love- Lovingly,

June ninth- 1909.

Mina.



WHITE HART INN
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Our Charlie has won his Hotchkiss diploma and the day was perfect in every respect. Sun shining and the exercises most attractive and interesting - Charles is a general favorite and he is very happy - Now comes his examinations for the Technology & he will not be able to return with us as he has those this week - I am hoping that he will do well in those too - He received first prize in English.

The country about here is perfect and the views Charles

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Recipient
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Mentioned

- Hotchkiss School
- Hess, Mabel Davis
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Flaherty, Mary
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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The country about here is perfect and the views Charles has enjoyed will be an influence all his life no doubt. He is a sweet, dear boy. The barber came this morning to cut Thomas's hair and he said without asking on our part - "Your son Charles is very much loved by us all about him, he is a fine fellow. We shall miss him and they will miss him at the school". Pretty fine I thought coming unsought and from that source. Theodore has been very much impressed by every thing up here and I think this summer is to be a great one for him. He starts on his camping trip the 30th of June. Charles will come down a week from today. Thomas and John did not arrive until six last evening and so missed all.

We shall start back home tomorrow morning - Trouble awaits me - May, our cook, was taken ill and I suppose she will have gone to her brothers for a rest - Mollie, our nice maid, was called to Kansas on account of the illness of her sister to be gone indefinitely. Miss Hess is still hoping to remain and Miss Bogue will be one of our number for a little time - Madeline goes back with us but she is to come back to New England right after they give the play on Tuesday night - They have not been able to give it yet it has poured both days, this will be third trial. It is clouding over now so I suppose it will be nice + rainy by Tuesday - June Spring - Predictions are for a wet summer for which I am sorry.

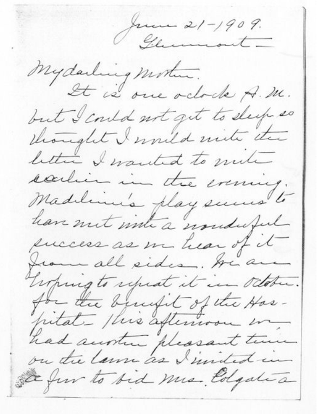
The birds are beautiful about here - We are going up now for the farewell address to the 1909 boys.

Goodbye, Muzzie-dear, I wish that you might be here for the festivities. They have been pretty.

Love to all –

Lovingly
Mina.

June 13-1909.



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Recipient
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Mentioned

- Colgate, Henry Auchincloss
- Thompson, Julia
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Colgate, Margaret Auchincloss (Mrs Richard M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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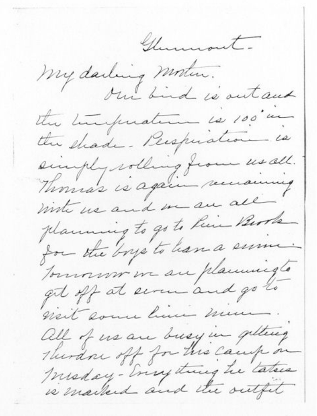
Tomorrow dentist and Wednesday the primary children are coming up on the lawn. They all enjoy that. Charles went to Coney Island with Henry Colgate this afternoon and I am looking for him now at any moment. I think the last train has come in. He is a dear little man and all love him. The chickens are crowing for morning so I think I ought to get some sleep. Edward returned home this evening. Thomas and I took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Colgate tonight - I did enjoy it but it gave Thomas the blues - Poor dearie does dislike going out for dinner, etc. It is hard for him to bear, What do you think of Robert & Louise's proposal for the Chautauqua cottage?

Well, dearie, goodnight. We miss Madeleine who is visiting Julia at Annisquam, Mass. Theodore starts on his camping trip a week from Wednesday. My courage is weakening.

Goodnight to all —

Lovingly Mina.



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Walter, Ernest
- Cox, Dora Harris (Mrs Douglas F)
- Hurlbut, Jesse Lyman
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Flaherty, Mary
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Hubbard, Elbert Green

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for the camp is most unique
I am hoping that this will
be the making of Theodore.
Anxious is no name for
how I feel - The nearer the
time approaches for him
to get off the more my heart
sinks - I am afraid that
he will have some hard
knocks and experiences -
He has never done any-
thing for himself and
always done things mostly
when he felt like it - this
goes by rule -

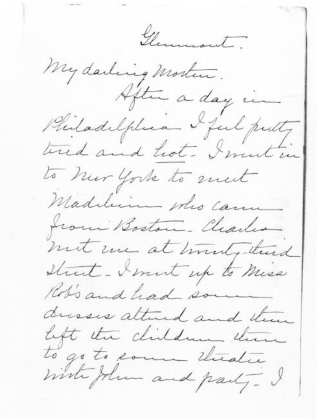
I have seen a detestable
article in the Hampton
Magazine about Chautau-
qua - Wednesday Mrs. Reine
is coming over with Dr.
Hurlbut to see me and I am going
to get facts from him and put facts
before him -. It is wicked I think
to allow things to go any further, perhaps
now it is too late. Elbert Hubbard
wrote this article - I am boiling over it -
I am writing today as tomorrow it
will probably be impossible -

Johnnie seems well and happy -
He is making great plans for his
visit in west in the fall.
We are going to visit Theodore in his
camp the last of next week. Madeline
is coming home then too - Miss Bogue
goes west on Wednesday - Mary my cook

is ill - Mother must be having hard times -
have heard nothing from her and Mrs.
Cox, the laundress, is in the hospital
suffering from some kind of poison.
How is that for a line of trouble in a
small way - Earnest is probably going
after the 7th remaining over that to
help out in entertaining the boys.
How liberal you people are to let
Gus go just now. It will make a
hard summer for you I am sure.
It is terrifically hot here and we are
about melted. How is it with you?
Goodbye - Love & kisses -

Lovingly Mina

June 26-1909.



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After a day in
Philadelphia I feel pretty
tired and hot - I went in
to New York to meet
Madeleine who came
from Boston - Charles
met me at twenty-third
street - I went up to Miss
Robb's and had some
dresses altered and then
left the children there
to go to some theatre
with John and party - I

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Recipient
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Mentioned

- Robb, Mary A
- Hess, Mabel Davis
- Douglass, Mary Stone (Mrs Benjamin)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Douglass, Benjamin, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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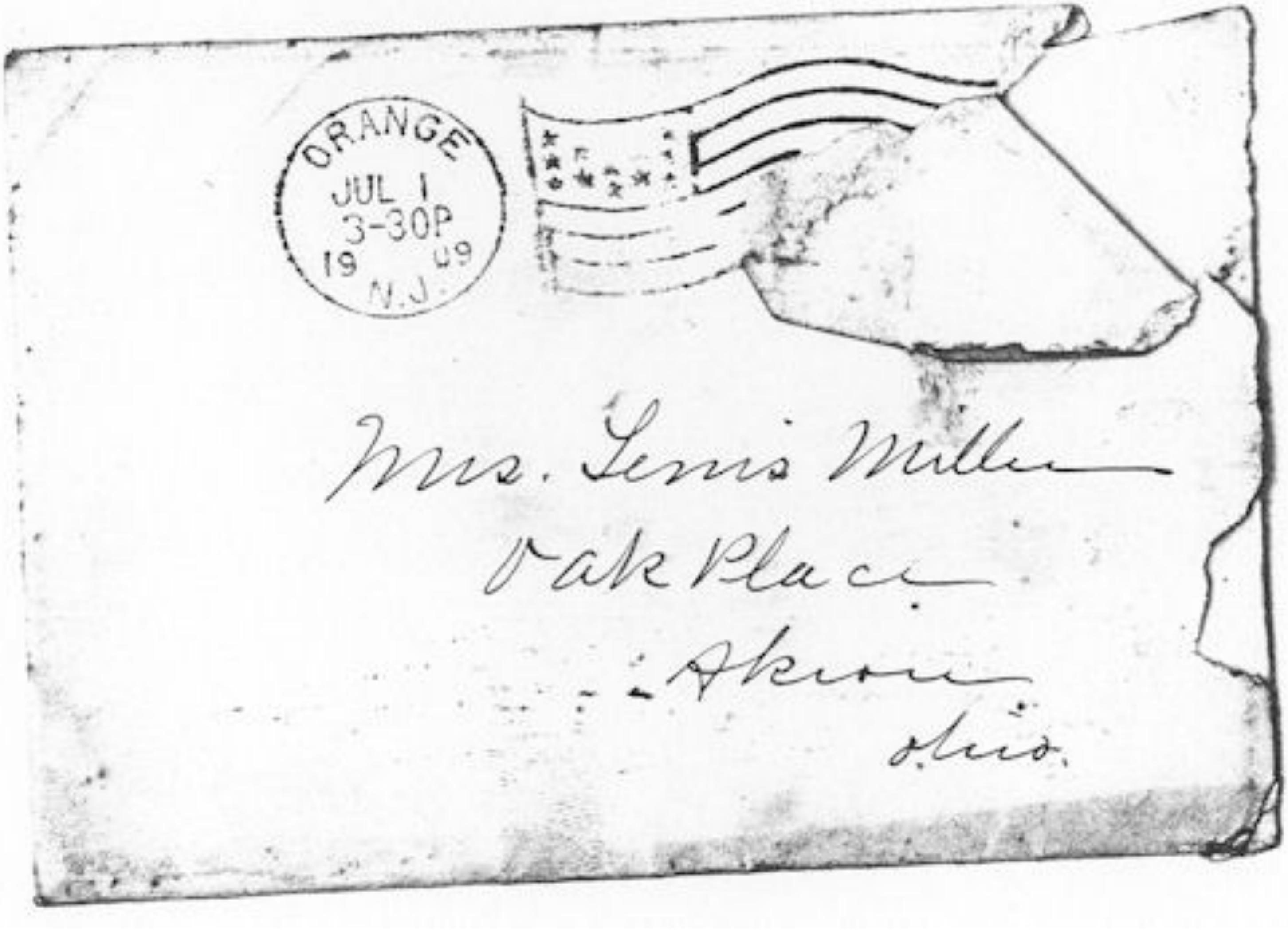
Glenmont.

My darling Mother.

After a day in Philadelphia I feel pretty tired and hot. I went in to New York to meet Madeleine who came from Boston. Charles met me at twenty-third street. I went up to Miss Rob's and had some dresses altered and then left the children there to go to some theatre with John and party. I consider it very foolish but they like it notwithstanding the heat. It is terrifically hot or has been, today has been more bearable that is if I might have been allowed to remain at home and enjoy it. Theodore has gone for Fair. We were planning to go up to see him Friday for over Sunday but I received a letter from Mr. Wilson asking us to wait a week. It is quite a disappointment. Dear little man, I hope that he will enjoy it and not have unhappy days although I would feel hurt if he did not miss home a little.

Tom is improving but he has some time ahead of him for perfect restoration. He could take a tremendous lot of drug the doctor says. It certainly is dreadful. Now the doctor wants Tom to be entirely alone. His wife to go home. As there are all male nurses for men I approve of it. Dr. Dercum will have no women nurses for men. He is a doctor after my own heart. That is as it should be.



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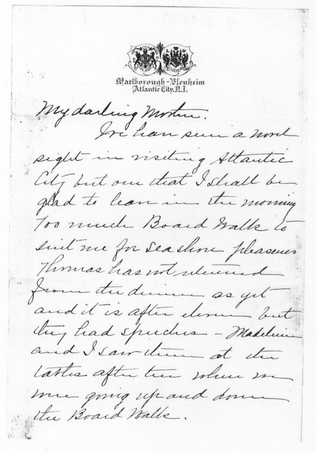
Mrs. Lewis Miller
Oak Place
Akron
Ohio.



Marlborough-Blenheim
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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Charles seemed to enjoy his boys being with him very much - They went to Coney Island this afternoon instead of going home and giving Charles the opportunity of meeting us here to go back with us - It was pretty to see them taking in the grain as we came along but I must say I like our mountain sides best.

Goodnight dearie - Keep well - Love & kisses

Mina.

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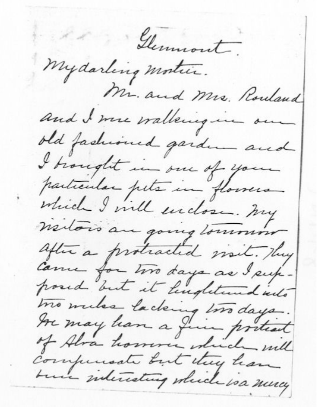

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Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Walter, Ernest
- Rouland, Minnie Dwight (Mrs Orlando)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Colgate, Margaret Auchincloss (Mrs Richard M.)
- Rouland, Orlando
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Alva makes such a time to have outside visitors that it is a little hard but I think it does us good - We should have the strangers as they give us ideas and keep us from getting into any routine living - They are going to the coast on Thursday, a place on Long Island, to which they want us to come for luncheon some day - Mr. Rowland does all the cooking - They catch all the fish food and then turn and cook it over an open fire - I think it will be fun to go down.

I want very much to go to Theodore next Sunday taking in a short visit with Mrs. Colgate on the way - They start for the Rockies on the thirteenth so if we do not get there this next week another summer will have passed without my seeing her place.

Is Robert coming up? I have been expecting a letter from him but none has come - Madeleine and Charles are keeping up a round of visits so Alva and I are alone as far as family goes. Theodore last postal is characteristic I will enclose it - Do you all write to him? He has written to me every day + I to him - It keeps me pretty busy writing to all my dear ones - I feel guilty though in not writing oftener to Edith- While the girls were away I wrote every day to you because I thought you would enjoy them but now you have them to talk to it is less lonely- I am not doing anything to the library in particular but want to redecorate the West Room and Drawing room and not have Alva know anything about it. I am having fun in trying to dispose of my old materials, etc. I am wondering whether Grace would like any wooden beds, bureaus, tables or chairs for her house- Any of the plush materials, I shall telegraph and hope for a speedy answer. Grass and everything burned up here

We have had a long drought
and things have suffered.
We sent some boxes of things
last week - I thought that you
could do with them as you
saw fit.

Summer is fast slipping a
way and I have done nothing.
I want to do some practising
but I am fearful that I shall
get none in especially if
we pull those rooms to
pieces - I may just do a
little to the drawing room.

I am changing men this
week. Earnest is a little too
sure of himself. In other
words, head turned. He is
not pleasant.

I am hoping to have a
glimpse of Charles tomorrow
but I am not certain at
all -

Goodnight dearies all -
God bless you all.

Lovingly Mina.

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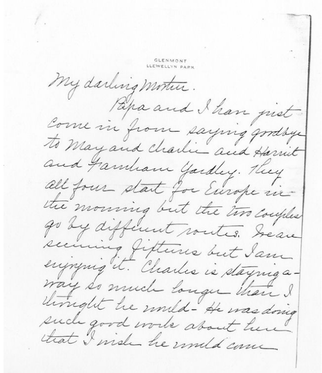

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LLEWELLYN PARK

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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Yardley, Farnham
- Jones, Paul
- Goodrich, Mary Gellatly (Mrs Charles C.)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Rouland, Orlando
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Jenkins, Harriet Mullett, (Mrs Farnham Yardley)
- Goodrich, Charles Cross
- Phillips, Miss

Date
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We are going up to see Theodore soon again. He sends me his daily postals. I think that pretty dear of him.

I have spent the day in town. Mr. Rowland had Thomas's portrait ready to show - I think it better than the first but still to me there is something lacking. It is hard to get him just right. Mr. Rowland thought the photograph of your portrait or rather taken when you were sitting for Miss Phillips was fine - He noticed it himself not knowing that you were my mother - I think it a great compliment to have been noticed by an artist. I felt terribly puffed up. It always flatters me to have others admire what you admire.

Goodnight - Love to all -

Lovingly Mina.

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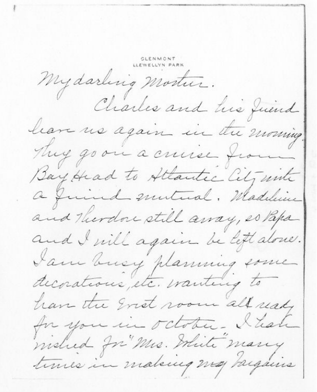
Mrs. Brown sent us some beautiful orchids. I wish I could share them with you.



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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It is much cooler tonight for which I am thankful -

Goodnight - Love to all -

Lovingly Mina.

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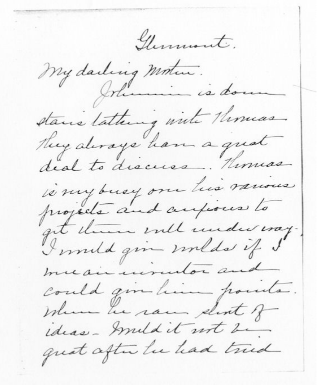

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Recipient
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Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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As I am not just up to par I am going to bed - Letters from that quarter are as scarce as hen's teeth out this way - I am learning Self Dependence so hope to recite it to Gracie when she deigns to come to see me - I thank you all for your

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as they appear on my calendar.
Goodnight - Sweet dreams.
Lovingly Mina.

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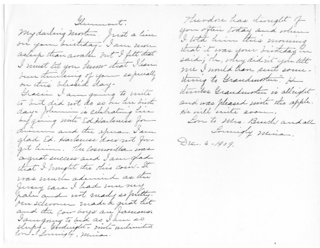

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Love to Mrs. Burch and all

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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Harkness, Edward Stephen
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A

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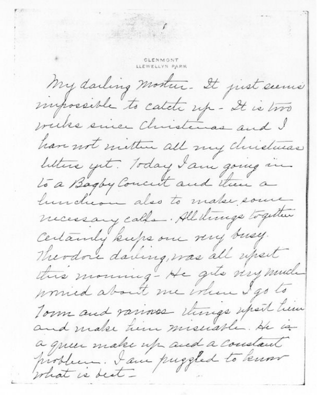

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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily

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My darling Mother I wish you could have seen and heard him when he received his little handkerchiefs. Last night he was anticipating this morning's troubles so was weeping. He asked me for a handkerchief and through all his tears he warned me not to take one of Grandmother's. He treasures them so highly. He says to think Grandmother *made* those for me herself! When he received them he was very thoughtful and tears were in his eyes. I said that we were going to have you down South visit us this winter and with that he brightened up and said, are we? Oh, I am so glad. Went off relieved and happy. He wants to have you with us. Don't you think it would be all right? I don't want to urge but you know that we would love to have you.

I must write a note to Mary as she might want a word direct from me. We are expecting her this week.

With love and kisses

Mina.

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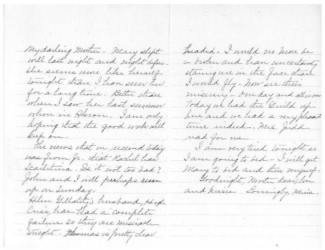
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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Women's Guild (Methodist Episcopal Church)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Letter

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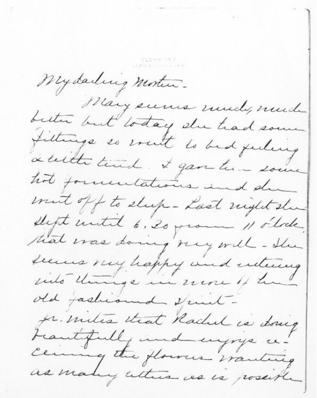

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Mary seems much, much better but today she had some fittings so went to bed feeling a little tired. I gave her some hot fomentations and she went off to sleep - Last night she slept until 6.20 from 11 o'clock that was doing very well - She seems very happy and entering into things in more of her old fashioned spirit -

Jr. writes that Rachel is doing beautifully and enjoys receiving the flowers wanting as many letters as is possible

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Title
[X104FBJ], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, January 26th, 1910

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Igoe, Georgia Schwister (Mrs Stanley)
- Jenkins, Annie Gray (Mrs Alfred B.)

Date
1910-01-26

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Subject
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to receive - She is going to her
Aunt Georgia as soon as she
is able to leave the hospital -
She is in a private hospital
with a fine doctor and nurse -
Jr. writes that she is having
every comfort possible and
all care -

It is too bad about Delia -
I hope that she is all right now.
Give her our love.

John and Madeleine are
at Mrs. Junkin's for a dance
and it is 1.30 a.m. I am
putting in some time while
waiting for them.

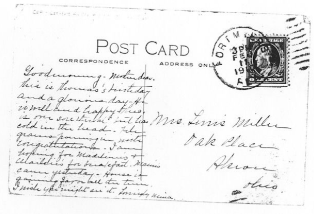
Mrs. Bird is coming for
two days tomorrow - The girls
sail for Bermuda on Saturday

we start for Florida on Tuesday. How
we wish that you were coming too - How
are you, dear?

Goodnight, darling, God bless you.

Lovingly Mina.

January 26 - 1910.



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CORRESPONDENCE

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is over sore throat but has
cold in the head. - Tele-
grams pouring in with
congratulations - I am
hoping for Madeleine's +
Charlie's for breakfast. Marion
came yesterday - House is
gaining favor all the time
I wish you might see it. Lovingly Mina

ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs. Lewis Miller
Oak Place
Akron
Ohio.

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Title
[X104FBK], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, February 11th, 1910

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1910-02-11

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Subject
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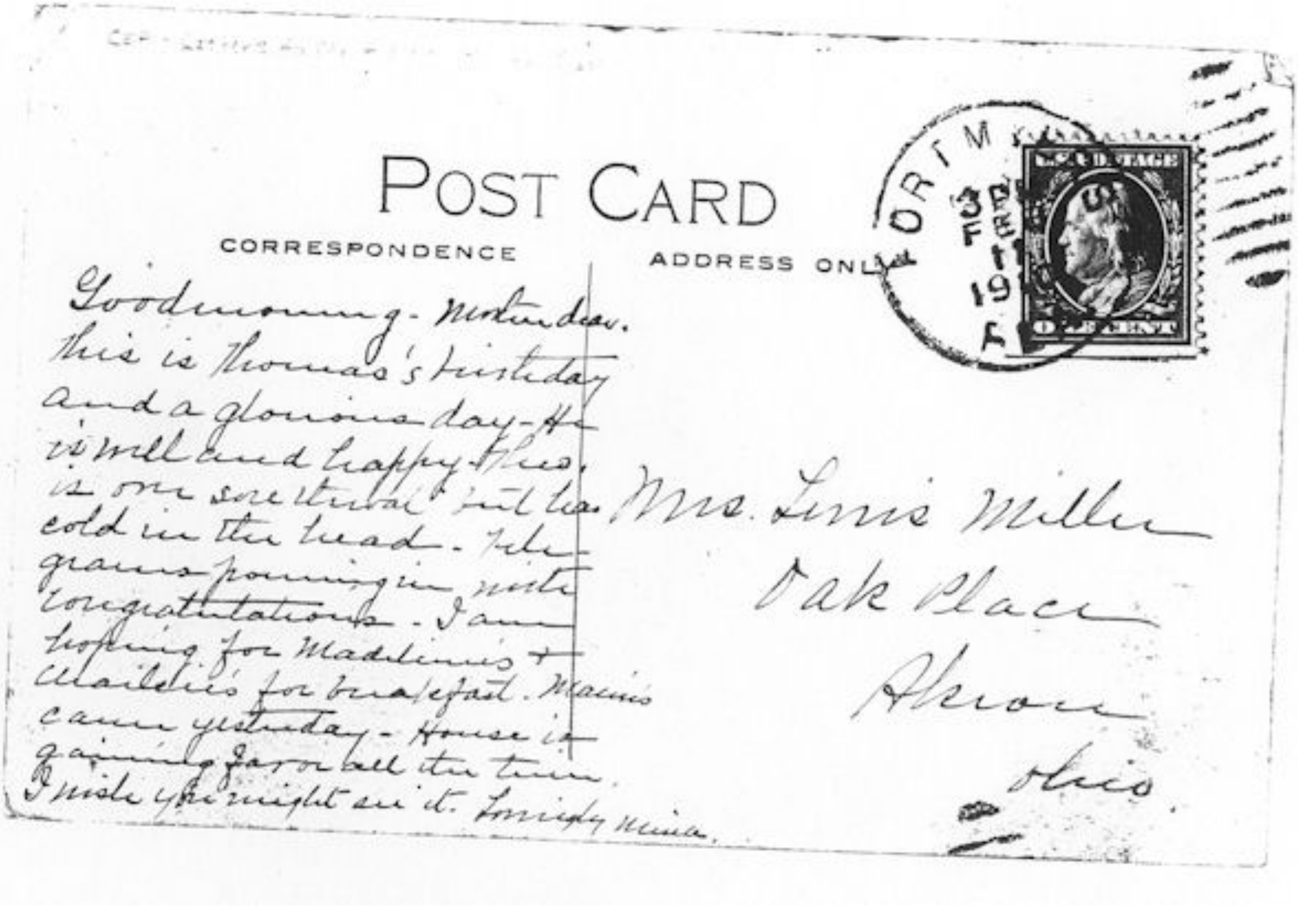

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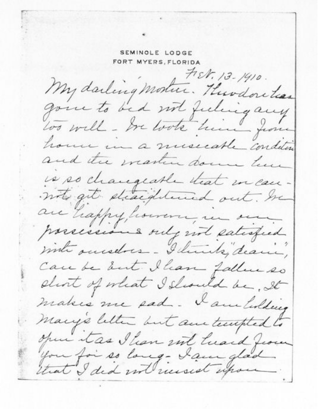

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

Feb. 13-1910.

My darling Mother. Theodore has gone to bed not feeling any too well - We took him from home in a miserable condition and the weather down here is so changeable that we cannot get straightened out. We are happy, however, in our possessions only not satisfied with ourselves - I think, "dearie", can be but I have fallen so short of what I should be, it makes me sad - I am holding Mary's letter but am tempted to open it as I have not heard from you for so long - I am glad that I did not insist upon

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Nichols, Bertha M (Mrs E. Remington)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Nichols, Edward Remington

Date
1910-02-13

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Letter

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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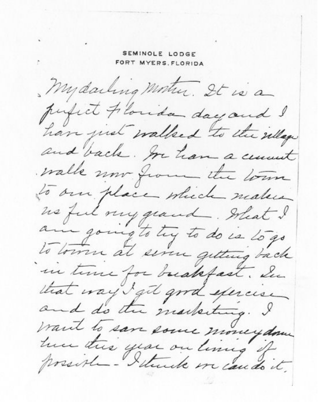
write several other letters so goodnight
mother dear and Lise dearest. Kisses for
both, Lovingly Minna.



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[X104FBM], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, February 15th, 1910

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Nichols, Bertha M (Mrs E. Remington)
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Doyle, Michael
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Nichols, Edward Remington

Date
1910-02-15

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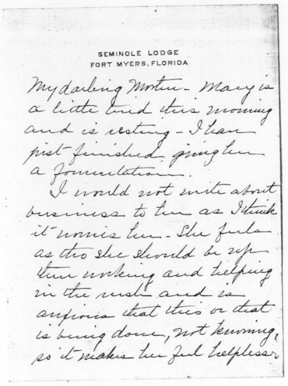
Minnie does not seem inclined to waste and yet we have good things to eat so far. I took her on a chance you know and brought our regular cook as waitress - She was no cook for us. Oh, I had a great time settling the help question before coming down here. We were all in a mix because each one was poor for his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are here from Llewellyn Park - That is at the Hotel and we have to entertain them considerably we feel altho they are extremely nice about it themselves. They would not come up here to stay as they said that they would not impose upon us as we came down to rest and we must do it - I am already feeling like another person and Thomas says I look like new. He exclaims about my rosy cheeks every morning so you must know that I was looking rather pale before coming here. Never have my bones and nerves been more used up but all is well again. I expect Mary and Madeleine are sailing today and I am sorry for them as the voyage is always a rough one but perhaps it will be an exception this time. Madeleine is thoroughly disgusted with Bermuda. I do hope that she will appreciate this glorious spot - I want that she should feel that she has come into a little Paradise when she gets here. She ought to - We who are here, Papa Theodore & myself, feel as happy as kings. I would give worlds tho *not* to have to go out on the boat. I am going to plead for the all day trip tomorrow and a short sail today.

Dearie, today I wish that you were here but it has been weather that I have been glad that you were not but if I could put you in a flying machine and get you here what a joy it would be. You would love it - Perhaps next year you can come down in the fall and be here all winter - We can try that - I will never feel satisfied until you see it all - We can celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary in that way. Will it not be ideal. Perhaps Robert & Louise can come too and then the original people can live it all over again. Let us make that one of our air castles - You know some one says that it is well to make air castles and then put foundations under them as fast as one can. In other words we have high ideals and try our best to come up to them. The ideals are what we want. Dixie and Lena seem so well

and seem to like it down
here - I am not so sure as
to Doyle's honesty or Lena's virtue
for that matter - I mean
in matters that they think
of small moment. Doyle
may be all right and I do
hope so but he feels very
important - Thomas does not
care for him at all and
is planning on another man
for another year. I am
trying to speak a good word
for Lena's sake but you
can't keep that up forever. -
However Doyle seems to be
letting drink alone which
is a good thing. There are two
boys around here taking
up odd jobs but they have
left their parents in Virginia
to roam. Theodore & I have been reading
a book on the beginning of tramp life
and crime so I feel as though I should
become a missionary and influence
them to return and settle to something
worthy them - they seem like nice boys.
At present they are trying to work up a
tennis court for Madeline - She will
never play more than once I am thinking.
Well dear goodbye this time - Be good
to yourself and Lennie - Give Lea & Cora
Margaret & Lew my love - Keep a
great, great lot for yourself - Theodore
worries about Grandmother all the
time and wishes that you were here -

Lovingly Mina - Feb. 15-1910.



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I would not write about business to her as I think it worries her - She feels as tho she should be up there working and helping in the rush and is anxious that this or that is being done, not knowing, so it makes her feel helpless,

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Potter, Frank Allen
- Alexander, Hugh Milton
- Miller, Emily Huntington

Date
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It is better to do whatever
is thought best to be done
right there on the ground.
She is much, much
better and I imagine
could take on some of
the work if she were right
on the ground but
otherwise it is sort of
annoying or worrying to
her to try to do it from
here.

The weather is beautifully
balmy and perfect but
no one seems very
energetic for some reason,

I guess we are all getting the Hook worm - It is too bad about Miss Hazlett, is it not? Poor Mrs. Bruch feels the loss keenly - Aunt Emily has written Mary since we have been here - She has not been very well but is better now. Have you heard of the gloriously, happy news of Edie? She does not say any thing about it outside the family but she writes that she is to marry a Mr. Potter a widower

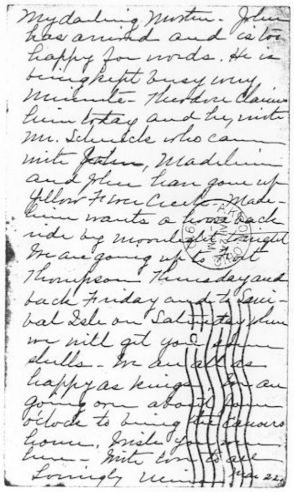
with two children - A boy 16 and
a girl 15 - We are all so happy
for her down here.

Well, darling take good care of
yourself and don't let little
Gracie work too hard. Give my
love to Sue and "the Ica's".

With love to you and Uncle
Milton + (Delia too best wishes
as well as Gus) - Lovingly

Mar. 5-1910.

Mina.



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has arrived and is too
happy for words. He is
being kept busy every
minute - Theodore claims
him today and he, with
Mr. Schnickle who came
with John, Madeleine
and John have gone up
Yellow Fever Creek - Made-
leine wants a horse back
ride by moonlight tonight
We are going up to Fort
Thompson Thursday and
back Friday and to Sani-
bal Isle on Saturday then
we will get you some
shells - We are all as
happy as kings. We are
going over about four
o'clock to bring the canoes
home. Wish you were
here - With love to all
Lovingly Mina Mar. 22

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Title
[X104FBO], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, March 22nd, 1910

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Sloane, John Eyre

Date
1910-03-22

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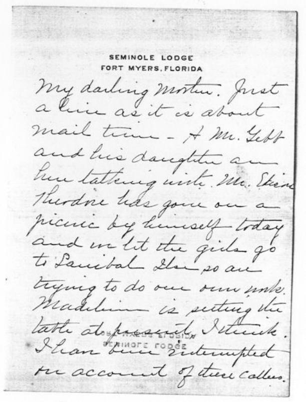
Lovingly Mina Jan 22



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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Michigan)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1910-03-30

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would never go - It is a
hot day too - If only people
would let you alone
but it is a steady pull
all the time - I get
desperate at times.
We are hoping for a
letter from you today -
I can't think of one
solitary thing to say as
I feel so anxious to
say something in
order to get it into the
mail. Thomas is de-
lighted that the day has
come for warmer water

and I am sorry for we have had it so ideal down here. It just seems to me I cannot get in all that I want to do any day- Here is this morning gone with these two callers and I am out of my plans.

Well, dearie, I will write again when less hurried - I want you to hear from me - With love

Nina.

Mar. 30-1910

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date
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Letter

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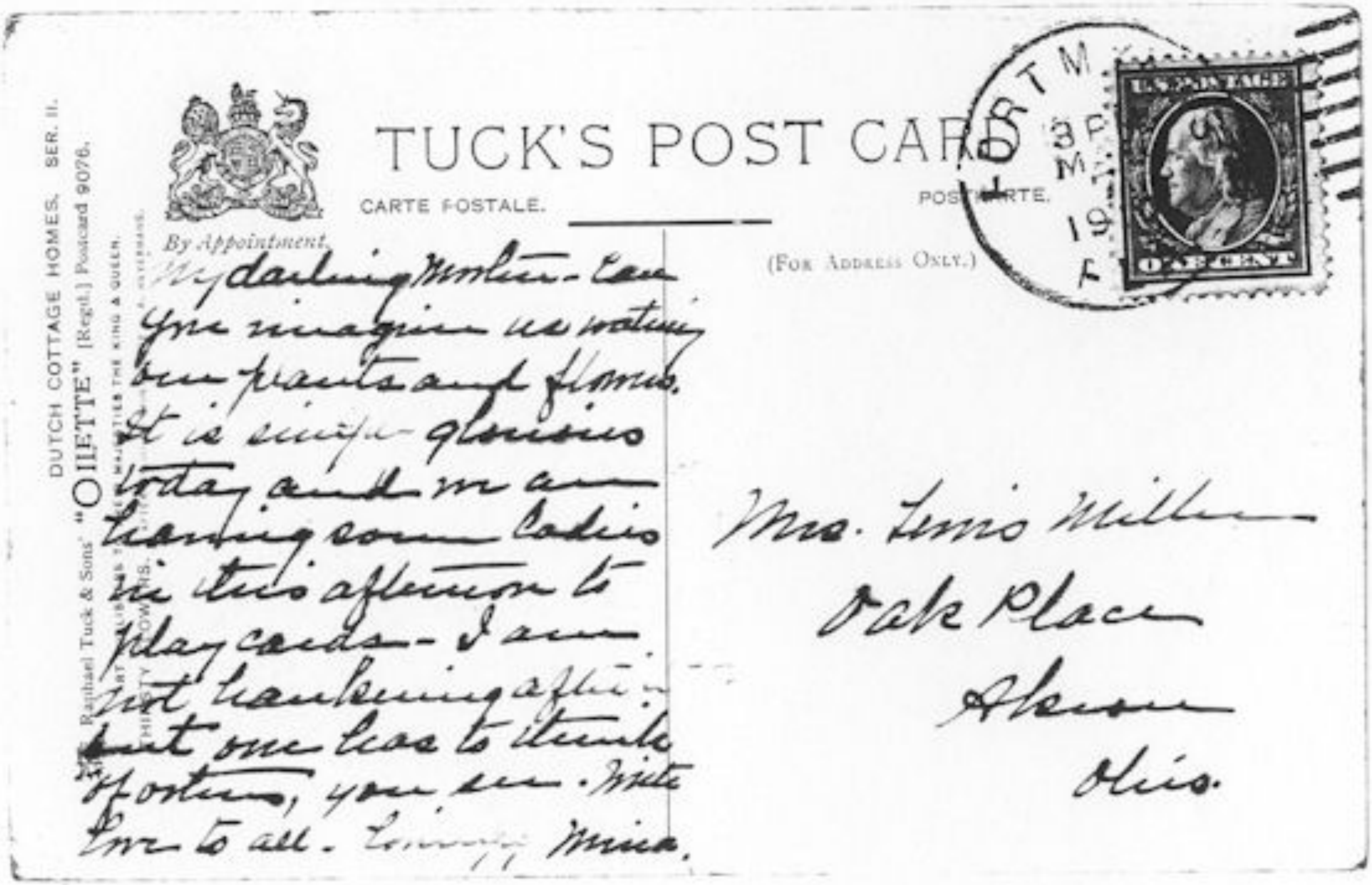

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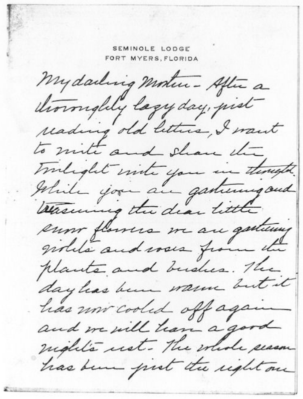
our plants and flowers.
It is simply glorious
today and we are
having some ladies
in this afternoon to
play cards - I am
not hankering after it
but one has to think
of others, you see. Write
Love to all. Lovingly Mina.

Mrs. Lewis Miller
Oak Place
Akron
Ohio.



SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

My darling Mother - After a
thoroughly lazy day, just
reading old letters, I want
to write and share the
twilight with you in thought.
While you are gathering and
treasuring the dear little
snow flowers we are gathering
violets and roses from the
plants and bushes. The
day has been warm but it
has now cooled off again
and we will have a good
night's rest - The whole season
has been just the right one

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Doyle, Michael
- Alexander, Hugh Milton
- Miller, Emily Huntington
- Alexander, Lucy Ann, (Mrs John E. Hunter)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1910-04-01

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

My darling Mother - After a thoroughly lazy day, just reading old letters, I want to write and share the twilight with you in thought. While you are gathering and treasuring the dear little snow flowers we are gathering violets and roses from the plants and bushes. The day has been warm but it has now cooled off again and we will have a good night's rest - The whole season has been just the right one for you to have enjoyed but now that that is too late I am hoping that next year will be equally as desirable and you will be with us down here - My idea would be that you would come down early in the winter before Christmas in fact so as to be ahead of the cold weather north. We will see how it will all work out - Another year too I hope that it will be even more comfortable and beautiful more flowers and the vegetables better than this year - Doyle is not altogether satisfactory but I guess we will have them another year if all goes well - Lena is planning to go north for a visit. Her sister deliberately burned her hand so terribly that it had to be amputated. It seems terrible - All came about through melancholia Lena feels about completely used up in consequence and then I doubt Doyle's being a great joy to her - Misery to have a husband drink and stubborn besides - Tomorrow morning, Mary's Louisville admirer is coming up to take some pictures - If only he would fall desperately in love with her and she with him how thankful we all would be. He is of the Ballard family dates way back and this member seems free from all bad habits - He is a scientist more or less. Retired with a seeming comfortable existence. If this could happen & Edie settled our concerns are beginning to lessen. This would indeed be a red letter year if we could find fine husbands for our dear ones. John too seems to be progressing in the line of Bessie Gibson - He says nothing but upon receipt of her letter he left us and went off alone to read it which speaks volumes - Madeleine is having her troubles too. I am having a strenuous time watching all sides. It keeps one busy to chaperone. Mary, Theodore and I will be with you about the fifteenth or sixteenth for a few days - five days perhaps - Thomas and Madeleine remain here until the 20th We all reaching Glenmont on the 22nd - Mary can see you all and then go right on with me and you too mother dear if you will - It is fine that Aunt Emily is coming on to see you perhaps you will not want to come on to me until later and Maybe Aunt Emily can come with you - How will it be? Indeed it has been a great joy all around that Much

Milton has had this visit with you which could not have come at a more opportune time - I am so glad for you, mother dear - He should not think of returning yet surely not before we get up there - I am anxious to know him too. I can't help but think how strangely things come about - After years of separation you and Aunt Lucy had that beautiful time together and now your brother whom you have wanted to see for so long came just at the right time - You needed some one to be with you in close relationship and your own brother came to the rescue. Dear Mrs. Beach did feel so unhappy that she could not be of use just at that time - What a dear, dear woman she is! - Another comfort comes in now as Aunt Emily will be a joy to you. How I wish I might see more of all of you. Tonight I promised Theodore to go down to see the moving pictures and tomorrow to take his favorite trip with him - up Yellow Fever Creek - It will be hot in the sun but my theory is that we must enter into our children's interests if we want to keep in touch with them - Charlie has just sent us a fine report of all his work at the Tech. I am so proud of him - He certainly is a dear.

Pretty soon we will see him - I shall be glad of that although I dread leaving this blessed spot, however, it is getting hot and we may be glad to move on.

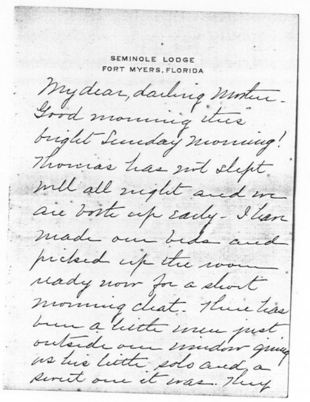
It is supper time and I ought to write other letters too but this letter I wanted to be sure of going in the morning mail.

Goodnight, darling mother; we will soon see you if you think we will not make too many - Dont hesitate dear to say so for we can go on to Orange and come later to see you - if not convenient -

With love to all -

Lovingly
Maria.

April 1-1910.



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Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Burroughs, John
- Doyle, Michael
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Doyle brought him 2 white rabbits and yesterday the guide's little boy brought him the tiniest little brown rabbit- I never saw such a tiny rabbit- At this moment, the red-bird, wren and mocking-bird are singing to each other. Oh, it is so glorious down here, so many of the bushes are just in their prime- We have been waiting and waiting for them to bloom! Mary seems pretty well but not as strong as she should be yet- She had a long day with Mr. Thurston yesterday but he talked so much and so long that it tired her- She cannot go on long stretches however she does not cry.

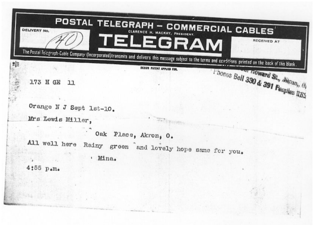
and seems happier most of the time - She dreads going home for fear she will break again but I think if she just goes for the week with me she will not find it too much - I really dont believe she had best remain longer than the four or five days - I will try to have interesting people to meet her during her time with me in the East.

Thomas is waiting for me to go out fishing with him - I do not enjoy the prospect but he is a little worried over some business and he thinks fishing will relieve him - It is so foreign to my plans for the day -

Well, dearie, I must go, with love to all and a big bit for yourself -

Lovingly
Mina.

April 3rd 1910.



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Orange N J Sept 1st-10.
Mrs Lewis Miller,
Oak Place, Akron, O.
All well here Rainy green and lovely hope same for you.
Mina.
4:55 p.m.

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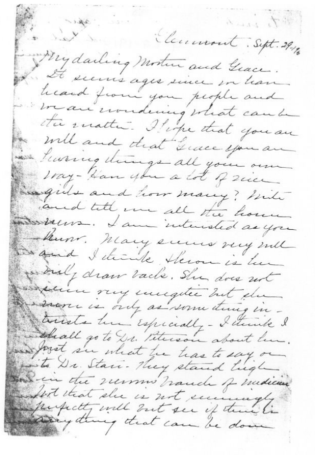

Glenmont. Sept. 29-10

My darling Mother and Grace.

It seems ages since we have heard from you people and we are wondering what can be the matter. I hope that you are well and that Grace you are having things all your own way - Have you a lot of nice girls and how many? Write and tell me all the home news. I am interested as you know. Mary seems very well and I think Theo is her only draw back. She does not seem very energetic but she never is only as something interests her especially - I think I shall go to Dr. Peterson about her. Just see what he has to say or to Dr. Starr. They stand high in the nervous branch of medicine. Not that she is not seemingly perfectly well but see if there is anything that can be done

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

Mentioned

- Bruch, Kate Patterson
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Peterson, Frederick
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Miller, Rachel Alice

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Clermont. Sept. 29-16

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to improve her more rapidly.
Miss Bogue is back and had a restful summer and took dinner with us this evening. Tomorrow I have to go into town much to my disgust as it is to see maids. I am changing butler and house man and Mollie has to go west to her brother-in-law. It makes things a little unsettled, also the house man I am changing-

Everything is beginning - Woman's Guild, Woman's Club, Woman's Exchange. This town in connection with New York is hopeless. Then they insisted upon my taking the chairmanship of the furnishing committee which I am in hopes of getting out of - I was a goose to consent to it - I feel that I must do one thing or the other - Give up the Guild or the S. S. class. I think I have too much in connection with the church - Don't you? It is all the time something for that quarter. It seems to me I should mingle a little more

more with the outside world.
Don't you think that is right?
Mrs. Burch wants to have a little
room near the church this winter and I must look something up for
her.

It has been a perfect day and it
seems a shame to have to go to
New York tomorrow and miss
any of it should we be fortunate
enough to have another like it.
The coming events of the fall +
winter make me shudder - I
dread the rush and whirl.
I must write to Mrs. Burch.
Charles and I ought to write to
Rachel + Edith.
Goodnight. We are all well
but so, so busy. Theodore has a
hard, hard cold.

Love + kisses
Mina.

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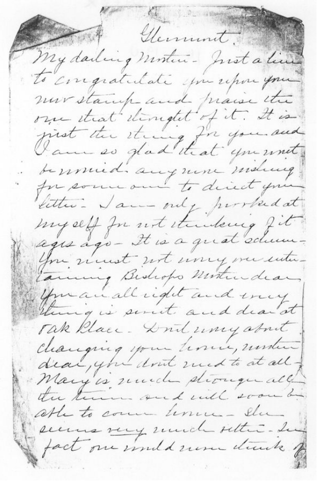

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Alexander, Hugh Milton

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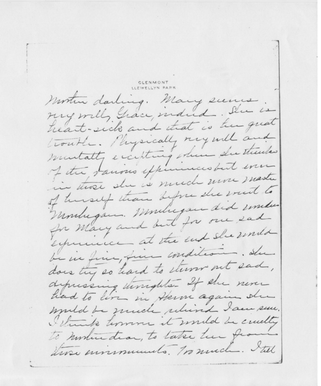
tion as being ill - she gets
tired but rests and is
all right again. - They went
to the theatre in the pictures
yesterday evening and was home
there in time for it arrived home
about 11.30 A.M. She did not
feel tired morning this after-
noon and looks splendidly.
Don't worry about her, sister
dear, she will be all right
after a while as she is so much
stronger mentally and really
seems like her old self. She
wants to come home and
see you for a visit 2 or 3 days
but I discourage her doing it
for it seems to me better
for her to keep getting stronger.
She gets more sensible as time
goes on. Don't worry about her
but just enjoy every thing you
can and everything will come
out all right. We will do just
whatever you want to do. I
Theodore has a very bad cold

and I am keeping him at
home. I am busy getting
everything settled and Madeline
is busy with her hair.
Tell us all about your day today
with Bishop Vincent. Isn't
Uncle Milton ready to come
back?
We had an auto ride this
afternoon and I am sleepy -
Mary has gone to bed - She
takes good naps all the time
and seems to be sleeping very
well indeed. If resting will
cure her she certainly ought
to get cured and she is. You
will see a great improvement
in her.

Goodnight darling mother
How is your foot? You be sure
to keep it well - Don't worry over
anything. I will write to Cora
I was so sorry that she has been
so miserable. Write. Love & kisses
to yourself, Grace & Lida

Oct 2-1920. Lovingly Mamie.



GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

Mother darling. Mary seems very well, Grace, indeed. She is heart-sick and that is her great trouble. Physically very well and mentally excepting when she thinks of the various experiences but even in those she is much more master of herself than before she went to Michigan. Michigan did wonders for Mary and but for one sad experience at the end she would be in fine, fine condition. She does try so hard to throw out sad, depressing thoughts. If she never had to live in Akron again she would be much relieved I am sure. I think however it would be cruelty to mother dear, to take her from those environments. Too much. I tell

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Recipient
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Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Michigan)
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Sloane, Mary Sinclair (Mae)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mary that if she finds that Heine
gets on her nerves in the least that
she should come right back with
me. She seems so well and wants
to work that I think it might be
well to let her see how this works,
that I am there, will effect her.
She dreads the starting in and
meeting those various people. If
she is at all nervous I don't believe
it well for her to remain at all.

How are you, Gracie dear? Hattie
it that Winton came out all
right from her cold. We will
soon see you both and I shall be
so glad. We can talk everything
over then.

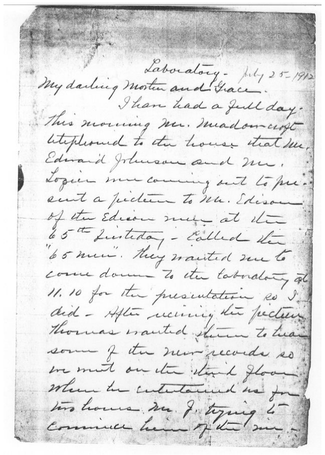
Goodnight, Gracie dear. I am
alone now, Madeleine is down
stairs with her best beau, John
Sloane, Thomas is asleep on the
lounge and John took Theodore
into N. Y to see the new Penn.

station. They went with Mary + Rachel.
Tomorrow morning we are going to town as a very dear girl May Sloane Fletcher died very suddenly Friday night. Marie Cozzens step sister. She was expecting a little one today but was taken with hemorrhages at seven o'clock in the evening, seven o'clock became unconscious + died at two that night. A clot formed on the brain. It is a terrible tragedy - Just married a year last spring, it being her first baby. The family are simply crushed.

Goodnight. I will write to mother dear.
With love - Mina.

Nov. 27 - 1910.

I would like to come in time for your birthday on the third Gracie dear but. I have an engagement for Monday which was made the last of Nov. I don't feel that I dare break it. Will think of you all day tomorrow - Madeline goes to Chicago on Tuesday.



Laboratory - July 25 - 1912

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Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A

Mentioned

- Gregory, Margaret Robinson
- Gregory, Alice Weston Merritt
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Johnson, Edward Hibberd
- Lozier, Robert Ten Eyck
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
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- TAE health
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Social customs, norms, values
- Disc recordings
- Motion pictures

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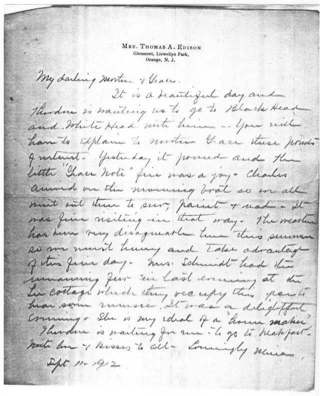
portance of getting operatic singers and Thomas as positive that he is pursuing the right course. It was interesting to hear them debate - Pros & Cons. Then I asked Mr. J. & Mr. L. for lunch when I had already invited Mrs Gregory & Margaret so we had eight for lunch and a lively discussion on the woman question - Mr. Johnson went so far as to say he would like to see the day when not a woman would be earning her own living, to have them either taken care of by the men of the family and if there were

none in the family that
the state should see that
they were provided for. I
did not agree to that effect
but I do believe that the men
should follow the public
side of livlihood - a
woman's place is not in
an office - this evening
we have just been looking
at moving pictures - they
are pictures to be passed by
a committee before being
put out - One of them
showed just the side of
the type-writer girl that
I thoroughly object to. I
believe that a girl type
writer for a man is the

greatest demoralizing institution in existence and I believe that we will go from bad to worse until that is corrected. I believe that some day it will be corrected. How is that for a dissertation? After lunch the men left and we women went after Edith, rode over the mountain to take the Gregory's home. Charles got off to Boston therefore ate a stand-up dinner so that he could see the pictures in time so I sat alone at the table for some time when Papa appeared at 7.45. We ate a quick dinner and then

Came down here where we saw 4 pictures and now he is going thru a chemical experiment trying to improve the surface of the disc - The disc is beautiful but still he wants it better. He is never satisfied - Interested! He can't sleep or eat from pure excitement - Charles and Theodore are at it too + John is simply too delighted for anything over his results after days and nights of good solid work - He did have a happy smile last evening - Dear boy! he is working so faithfully and carefully making good + Thomas is pleased



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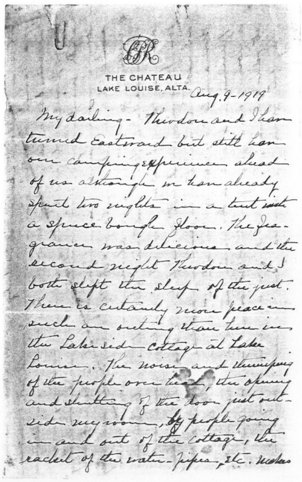

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LAKE LOUISE, ALTA.

Aug. 9-1919

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He is a regular geologist, studying everything as he goes along. A better time for him could not have been chosen as he is young enough to climb and enthusiastic, being keenly interested in everything – fauna, flora and mineralogy of the districts. He is an active travelling companion and I am trying my best to keep up with him. He is taking charge of all arrangements and money matters so that too is broadening him. I notice he is more easily talking with the clerks, etc. Today we are taking a day off as we have not stopped an hour since we left home and both of us feel the necessity of taking a breath. So far it has been a glorious trip if we can manage to keep well to the end it will be a wonderful experience to look back upon the rest our lives. Theodore is storing up a great fund of information. He studies at odd times too. I think we have quite a boy.

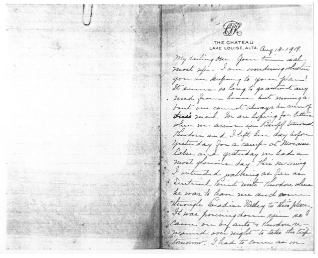
By the time this reaches you no doubt you will anything but restful surroundings.

You would never realize that this is the same beautiful spot of fourteen years ago. It is filled with people in a large garish hotel. They had us located in the hotel but we asked to be put over here in the cottage free from as much of the rush of people as possible. Travel in the west is ruined as it is simply swarming with tourists. I am thankful that we saw this lake years ago. In going to Emerald Lake and taking the trip over the mountain there into the Yoho Valley has taken us away from the rush I am happy to say. That little gem of a place has not been destroyed as yet as few go in off the beaten way. We had a wonderful three days experience in those mountains and passes. Theodore thoroughly enjoyed the rocks, glaciers and fossil beds.

be home after enjoying the Adirondacks. I can't understand how one can't get very far away from people in those mountains.

This is Sunday afternoon the 10th and I have just come in from climbing to Mirror Lake and Agnes Lake where Theodore and I had lunch in a tea room in the clouds. It was cold up there but fine after our climb. Theo. went on up to the Bee hive but I felt that it was wiser to go a little more slowly so came down from the "two Lakes in the Clouds". We had no breakfast and only small sandwiches, chocolate & coffee, with little cakes for lunch. You see we are not over eating. We are going to Moraine Lake tomorrow for two days and then return here for Paradise Valley on the fourteenth. Fifteenth on to Banff. We are keeping very closely to our schedule. I have had no letter from you so I am thinking some of letting Theo. return without me. I guess that would please you, no more trouble with me. I have hoped for a letter at every stop but nothing.

I am trying to understand that I have had my day - Yours gratefully - Love + kisses - mine.



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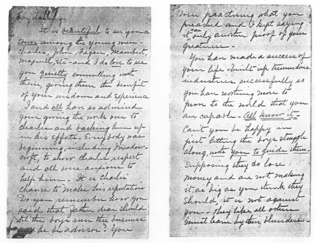
I won't bore you longer. I only write to let you know that I am thinking of you and how much we are enjoying the privilege of such a trip.

Goodnight – God bless & keep you.

Love & kisses – Devotedly

"Your partner".

M.M.E.



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- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Mambert, Stephen Babcock
- Fagan, Frank Dennell
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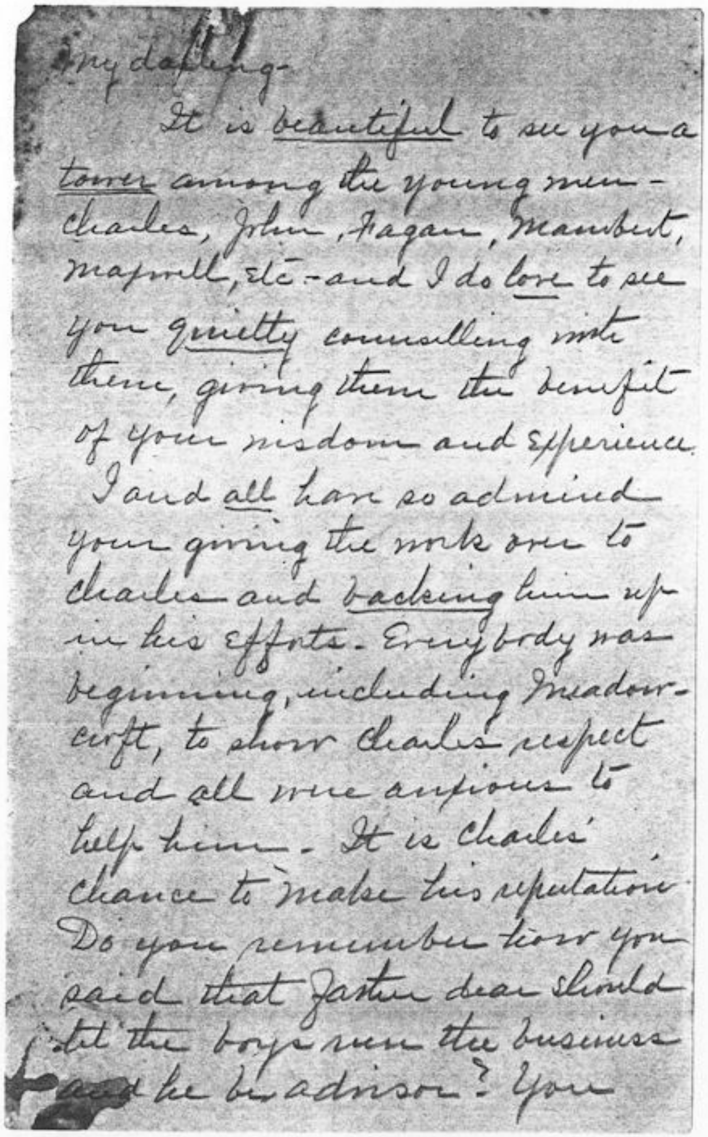

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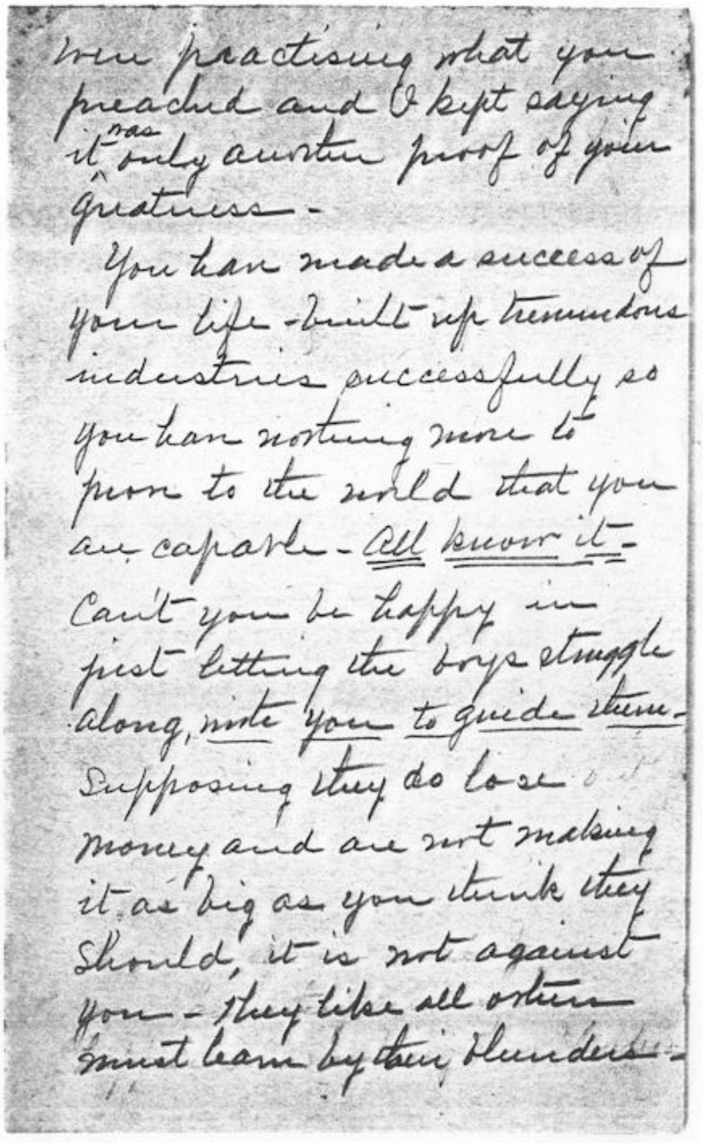

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Charlie is all for you - He stands by you at all times and is with you, *wanting to please you in every way.* He always puts up your side and will never let anyone say a thing contrary to your praise - *Don't misjudge him.*

Success makes success - and if you will only let Charles feel that you do appreciate him you will make him and all happier. Forget a little bit that you are Charles manager and be a *father* - *a big father!*